



November 19, 2009

Dear Members of TPAC and JPACT:

Over the past several months and years, the City of Milwaukie has shared its concern with Clackamas County over the County's proposed Sunnybrook Extension project.

The City is a longtime supporter and neighbor of the Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus. The City would like to see expanded educational offerings and economic development at the Harmony Campus site. However, the Milwaukie City Council does not believe that these benefits, which we understand depend on this new road, outweigh the environmental and livability impacts that would result from its construction.

The City of Milwaukie is "downstream" from this site. One of the lowest performing intersections in the City will be directly impacted by this project (Harmony/Railroad/Linwood), and Milwaukie's groundwater (which supplies our drinking water) and urban canopy both rely on the natural functions of the site. Even in its narrowed dimension, the City of Milwaukie will bear the brunt of the new road's downstream traffic congestion, stormwater runoff, and habitat degradation.

The City of Milwaukie therefore respectfully requests removal of the Sunnybrook Extension Project from the Regional Transportation Plan. This Extension will cause added congestion to the City of Milwaukie, have an adverse impact on the environment and the project design will not demonstrably mitigate traffic issues in the Clackamas Regional Center. This week the Council formally adopted a policy in regards to this issue.

The City of Milwaukie is in favor of an alternative access plan for the college and hopes that all jurisdictions can work concurrently on finding a reasonable solution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Milwaukie City Council

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