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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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Neil McFarlane
1800 SW 1st Ave., Suite 300
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Dear Mr. MacFarlane,

The Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND) Board wish to add our voice to that of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association (PDNA) in advocacy for extension of Line #10 bus service to NW Thurman and Montgomery Park, and the extension of hours of operation to include week-ends and late evening hours.

The PDNA has noted the need for bus service for an anticipated increase in low-income housing and jobs in the Pearl District, the NW Industrial District, and NW Portland.

HAND has long supported the concepts of work-force housing and low-income housing, and forms of transit that allows residents to travel within Portland.

The southeast end of Line 10 currently serves an area of some of the more affordable family-size homes in Portland, whose residents may seek employment, or already be employed in the NW Industrial District or NW commercial properties. At the same time, residents of housing in NW Portland may seek employment opportunities in SE Portland. An extended #10 line could conceivably provide transit for those residents to jobs in the northwest and southeast areas of the city.

Bus service will be more effective and useful for people traveling that route if the hours of service are extended later into the evening and into week-ends. Many employment opportunities involve working in shifts and on week-ends. One is not likely to take the bus to a shift that begins at 3:00PM, if the bus is not there at the end of the shift at 11:00PM, leaving the rider stranded.



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Perhaps more self-serving to HAND residents is how extended hours may affect their use of the #10 line, and the decision to use transit in the evenings. The #10 bus line travels through the heart of HAND on a NW/SE route, complementing the E/W # 14 (Hawthorne), 4 (Division), and 9 (Powell) routes, providing service within the neighborhood and on to downtown Portland...and, it is hoped, beyond. HAND residents are users of alternative transportation when it is available. HAND board members can cite frequent instances of choosing to drive when travel on the # 10 line might be preferred, but that it would not be available for a later return trip; or, on a Saturday or Sunday, is not available at all.

The #10 route is becoming even more important to HAND residents as a result of recent and planned changes for the #9 and #4 bus lines.

It was a surprise and disappointment to residents to find the #9 bus stop removed from SE 26th Avenue and Powell Boulevard; a stop that once offered two options for travel to downtown Portland. There is appreciation that the #10 still stops there (please, do not change that!)

We have expressed concern that ridership may be lost if plans for the Division Transit Corridor Project as recently presented become a reality. Residents faced with longer walks to stops/stations may be discouraged from using the bus; the #4 route across the Tilikum Crossing and through the Portland State Campus will add both distance and time to travels.

The #10 could become a preferred alternative for those for whom the Division Transit Corridor Project does not work well; and an even greater boon with extended hours of operation,

For these reasons, members of the HAND board look forward to a time when the #10 bus route is extended into NW Portland, and the hours of operation include week-ends and late evening hours. We urge you to make that happen in the near future.

With kindest regards,

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