



Safety and Traffic Impacts of Proposed People's Depot Site

The Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND) Board is writing to express concern about the proposed new location of The People's Depot (1109 SE Brooklyn St). The board was notified in September about the site and has been monitoring the project and listening to the concerns of neighbors and local businesses.

Some of our concerns relate to the use of the site, especially to traffic safety. Representatives of the People's Depot have told us they expect 300 customers per day, redeeming 25 million containers per year. With the loss of other redemption options, we believe these numbers could be significantly higher. Customers will arrive on foot, by bicycle, and by car, and the site will have to support the operation of large trucks that will remove the containers daily.

We ask the city to require:

1. A traffic study to be completed, including truck movement in and out of the site, and the impact of 300 people visiting the site per day. This will represent a significant increase in visits to the site and intensity of use.
2. Any right of way improvements at the site to be completed before the facility opens, and to deny access to a Public Works Alternative Review that might allow such improvements to be bypassed or indefinitely delayed.
3. Any other building modifications related to safety, such as seismic upgrades and safe access to the building for pedestrians and drivers be fully addressed.

In summary, we ask that the city ensure that all safety considerations required by building and zoning code be followed, just as they would be for any other project.

Sincerely,

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