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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION ON CITY NOISE PERMIT REQUEST

Dear neighbors,

TriMet's Better Red project extends MAX Red Line west to serve 10 more stations and improves schedule reliability for the entire MAX system. The project adds new multi-use paths at Gateway and PDX, creating more options for accessing transit and getting around without a car. You can learn more about the project at trimet.org/betterred.

At Gateway, Better Red will add a second track, in a section where the Red Line has only one track, causing bottlenecks that affect the entire light rail system. Adding the second track requires construction of two new bridges: one spanning the existing MAX track and I-205 Multi-Use Path adjacent to Gateway Green Park, and one spanning I-84 and Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Stacy & Witbeck, Inc. will perform the construction, currently scheduled to begin in July 2021 and continue through early 2024. Night and weekend work is necessary because of the traffic and transit impacts required to perform many of the project's construction activities safely. Performing these activities at night and on weekends will minimize impacts to the traveling public.

The construction includes about 380 nights between July 2021 and early 2024. The nighttime work is adjacent to the freeway or in the MAX tracks. We will supply another notification when more precise dates are known for the night work that is across the freeway or Halsey Street from your residence. That notification will also list the types of noise you may hear. Construction information will be updated weekly at trimet.org/betterred.

We are applying to the City of Portland for a Noise Variance Permit for extending the construction hours from 6:00 p.m. to 7 a.m. for certain activities. You have a legal right to comment on our permit request and may offer input or complaints at any point to the City of Portland. If we do not meet the conditions of our permit, the City retains the right to revoke our permit. It is our goal to be a good neighbor and to comply with all conditions set by the City's Noise Control Officer, who can be reached at noise@portlandoregon.gov or the noise hotline at 503-823-7350.

If you have any questions about the project, you can reach TriMet's Community Affairs Department at betterred@trimet.org or 503-962-2150. During our construction times, please call 503-962-2222 for an immediate response to any of your concerns.

If you have questions about the permitting process, or if you have complaints you wish to share with the City, you can contact the City's Noise Control Office at noise@portlandoregon.gov.

Thank you for your patience.

Michael Alexander
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I. Appeals to City Council. A variance decision of the Noise Control Officer or the Noise Review Board may be appealed to the City Council as follows:

- 1. Eligibility to appeal.** A variance decision may be appealed by the applicant, his legal representative, any affected neighborhood association, or any person who has submitted oral or written testimony on the application.
- 2. Appeal acceptance criteria.** Notice of intent to appeal shall be in writing to the City Auditor's Office within 10 days of the effective date of the decision. The notice shall identify the decision that is being appealed, and include the appellant's name, address, and signature, phone number, relationship to the variance decision action, and a clear statement of the specific reason(s) for the appeal including any alleged misapplication of City Codes.
- 3. Upon receipt of such appeal, the Auditor shall then place the matter upon the Calendar of the City Council.**
- 4. At the time of the hearing, the City Council may consider such new matter as it deems appropriate, as well as the record developed before the Noise Control Officer or the Noise Review Board, and thereafter may affirm, reverse, modify or remand the decision**