



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Land Use and Transportation Committee
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City of Portland
Bureau of Development Services
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 5000
Portland, Oregon, 97201
Attention: Ms. Chris Caruso, City Planner

Re: Proposed Traffic Signal at NE 32nd Avenue and Broadway for
Grant Park Village (Formerly Known as the Albina Fuel Site)

Dear Ms. Caruso:

At its most recent Board and General Meeting on June 4, 2013, the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) voted unanimously to support installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of NE 32nd Avenue and NE Broadway, as part of the Grant Park Village project. On behalf of GPNA, I request that the signal be approved as set forth on the draft plan dated March 22, 2013.

GPNA identified a number of concerns pertaining to the proposed signal installation, and they are all addressed in the plan referenced above:

- The existing traffic diversions currently in place on 32nd Avenue north of Broadway in Grant Park remain unaffected by the proposed signal. Maintaining the status quo of those diversions is important to our neighborhood.
- The plan proposes to add a bi-directional center left turn lane that will extend on Broadway the entire distance between 32nd Avenue and 33rd Avenue. That should maximally address the issue of increased left turn traffic at both intersections resulting from Grant Park Village.
- The left turn lane from westbound Broadway at the 32nd Avenue light will be set back to allow large trucks turning right when exiting Grant Park Village to do so without impeding traffic turning left from Broadway into Grant Park Village.

- The absence of left turn capability from eastbound Broadway at 32nd Avenue should have insignificant impact, given that northbound 32nd Avenue is only one block long at that intersection, with a dead end.
- The elimination of street parking on the south side of Broadway adjacent to Grant Park Village, and the preservation of street parking on the north side of Broadway between 32nd and 33rd will protect the small businesses that depend on such parking.

To ensure timely completion of Grant Park Village, and to promote efficient traffic management during construction, it is imperative that the proposed signal at 32nd Avenue and Broadway be approved without further delay. GPNA urges that such approval issue forthwith.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth B. Peterson
Land Use and Traffic Chair
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cc: GPNA Board; Mr. Kurt Krueger, PBOT; Mr. Robert Haley, PBOT; Ms. Carol Gossett, SGNA; Ms. Lauren Golden Jones, Capstone Partners