



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Brian Cefola
President

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Mr. Mark Haines
Portland Bureau of Transportation
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Re: Proposed Change in Traffic Flow at Intersection of NE 37th Avenue and NE Broadway

Dear Mr. Haines:

At an emergency meeting held on May 5, 2014, the Grant Park Neighborhood Association Board (GPNA) voted unanimously to oppose any imminent installation of a sign or other traffic diversion device that will force vehicles proceeding south on NE 37th Avenue to turn right at NE Broadway, regardless of whether such installation is intended to be on a trial or permanent basis. In addition, a straw vote taken of all meeting attendees, many of whom were our neighbors in Hollywood, reflected similar unanimous opposition.

These votes do not constitute a determination by GPNA of whether or not such a diversion is desirable, either standing alone or combined with other traffic changes; nor do they reflect a lack of concern for, or rejection of claims made by residents of 37th Avenue that current traffic flow adversely affects their street. Rather, GPNA strongly believes that additional public engagement is necessary before determining how best to address those concerns. We request PBOT participate in a future meeting, possibly jointly held with the Hollywood Neighborhood Association, to further discuss the problem and potential solutions.

GPNA also respectfully requests that PBOT clearly advise what policy, if any, is in place to provide notice to residents and neighborhood associations of any significant planned traffic pattern changes prior to their implementation.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Cefola
President
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cc: GPNA Board; Jo Schaefer, Hollywood Neighborhood Association