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To: Tom Miller  
Portland Bureau of Transportation  
1120 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204

Re: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Improvement SAC

Dear Tom,

Congratulations on the unanimous support of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee for the 12<sup>th</sup> avenue bridge bike lane project last month. As you know, the business community had serious reservations about the proposed changes and the impact on freight movement in an already challenging entrance and exit to the district. While some may have preferred alternative solutions to preserve capacity on the bridge for future growth in the district, in the end all businesses involved and the CEIC board feel that PBOT and its staff have done an admirable job of working with the business community in addressing their needs.

In particular, Ellen Vanderslice and the engineering staff are to be commended for following through with their promises to adequately test the proposals and to leave the intersection at least as well off for all commuters. The time and effort by Ellen, staff, and you personally to meet with key businesses on 12<sup>th</sup> avenue made a difference in how the business community viewed this process and its ultimate results. Our board gives you credit for taking the freight needs of those businesses seriously and for going the extra mile to win their support. This process sets a standard that we hope becomes a model for how the CEIC, the City and the bicycle community can work together to build trust and achieve results.

Again, congratulations to you and PBOT and thank you for meeting the needs of the business community.

Regards,

David Lorati  
President  
Central Eastside Industrial Council