

SAVANNA OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 8, 2021

Mayor Jules Walters and City Council
City of West Linn
22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068

Re: WAP-21-01/WRG-21-01/MISC-21-02, Water Resource Area permit, a Willamette River Greenway permit, and a Flood Management Area permit to widen I-205 from the 10th Street interchange to the Abernathy Bridge and perform a Phase II seismic retrofit of the bridge.

Dear Mayor Walters and City Council,

At last evening's meeting of the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA), it was unanimously directed by the members that I send this letter to Council requesting that the subject application be heard by the Planning Commission for a decision instead of the Planning Manager.

This application is nearly 700 pages in length and includes the following items:

- widening I-205,
- seismic retrofit of the Abernathy Bridge,
- reconfiguration of Hwy 43/I-205 off ramps,
- blasting of rock along I-205,
- and the removal of the Broadway St. bridge.

Currently, this is set to be a planning manager's decision only. This means there will be no public hearing on such a large project. With a planning manager decision, only those who live within 500 feet of the proposed project will be notified about the project. The rest of the public are not being notified about the upcoming decision and are not aware that they can provide input on this project. SONA members believe that a project of this size and scope should be heard by the Planning Commission so that all West Linn citizens are given better notice and have a chance to make public comments about this project.

Therefore, SONA requests that the City Council ask for this project to be sent to the Planning Commission, instead of it just being a planning manager decision. We believe that this will make for a more public process in reviewing such a large project.

Regards,

Ed Schwarz

Ed Schwarz, President
Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association