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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: 3/31/11

SUBJECT: Sellwood Detour Bridge

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Not on today's agenda

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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My name is Pati Gallagher, and I'm a homeowner at Riverpark, the condominiums north of the Sellwood Bridge. I am also Riverpark's representative on the CAC.

We're aware that you had a briefing Tuesday regarding what the County bridge folks are calling "Shoofly." This isn't a pie, or a song, it's a Detour Bridge—that will very adversely affect many people, to the point of making homes and parts of our community unlivable while doing possible long-term damage to our homes and permanent damage to property values.

The concept is to utilize the existing roadway and slide it over. But onto what? This means building a new west side approach—and knocking it down. Building a new east side approach—and knocking it down. Building new steel or concrete foundations on land that have to conform to seismic standards—and knocking them down. And building three new piers in the water—and knocking them down; which means two additional in-river windows.

Basically, they'll be sliding the busiest two-lane highway in the state directly over our homes. And then knocking it down.

They cite time savings as an advantage. They've said in one arena 3 to 4 months, and in another document "up to one year." But Riverpark will be affected for at least 3 years!

They say construction can start as early as 2011. But construction of what? The Detour Bridge—NOT the Sellwood Bridge. That will still start in 2012.

They cite cost savings as an advantage and quote "millions of dollars." In the EIS, even a 6.4% difference was deemed not significant enough to put one option over another. This would mean this Detour Bridge would have to save at least \$18mm...

They cite safety as an advantage, but safety was never mentioned as a concern in the approved bridge. Would the CAC or the PSC or You have approved it if safety had ever been an issue? But what about the seismic safety of a temporary bridge that has to last at least 3 years, with 30,000 cars a day passing over it? What about the safety of living under or next to it?

The currently-approved bridge was recommended and approved partly because of the ability to stage the construction so that there were minimal bridge closures. This detour bridge adds NO benefit regarding bridge closures.

We have asked the bridge department to conduct new studies on noise and vibratory damage—but honestly, common sense tells you it's going to be WAY too loud, and the vibrations of 30,000 cars a day will definitely affect our foundation stability.

We feel the process is being short-circuited and are suspicious as to why this "innovation" is only surfacing now, when ODOT has had the technology at least since 2008. Surely our bridge engineers had heard of it.

As you can guess, Riverpark intends to fight this proposed new bridge. A bridge that was never vetted by any citizen's committee or public stakeholders or the general public and never studied within an EIS.

And as one neighbor said to Ian in our briefing on Tuesday, "would you let your family live under the bridge?" He never answered the question.

So Riverpark says "Shoo Shoofly." You're not a pie, or a song, you're a new bridge over our heads, and we don't want you!

Pati Gallagher
March 31, 2011

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SUBJECT: Comment on Non Agenda Item

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: SELLERS BUILD

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MEETING DATE: 3/ March 2011

SUBJECT: SELLWOOD BRIDGE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:

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