

Multnomah NA responds to planned Safeway redevelopment

Letters to the Editor



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The Multnomah Neighborhood Association, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, discussed the Barbur Blvd. Safeway redevelopment and with unanimous vote, we are responding to the planned redevelopment.

We are very appreciative to Safeway for choosing a final site design complementary to our neighborhood and for their receptiveness to our community input. We are excited to see the inclusion of this new retail development in our community.

We are also very pleased to see that the selection of truck routes is aligned with our neighborhoods desires. The selection of the primary route connecting Safeway trucks to Olesen Road via Multnomah Blvd. was our preference as well.

We would also like to commend Safeway for their work on incorporating safer bus transit stops and sidewalks in and around their site. It is very important to our community that we have the safe options of walk-

ing, biking and taking mass transit to do our shopping.

We do have some concerns that we would like to be on record as part of the redevelopment plans.

First, we are concerned about the increased traffic along SW Capitol Hill Road and of the planned increase of traffic from Barbur Boulevard and from the residential neighborhood leading to the Safeway. We are not aware of any new traffic surveys being done to track the residential traffic.

Also, we feel the residential traffic needs better/adequate notification of the change of the traffic pattern, especially because Safeway trucks will be turning into the store near a blind curve near SW Falcon.

A solution we propose is an alternative loading dock truck traffic pattern. The change would reverse the loading docks and enter the loading dock off of the Multnomah Blvd. fly ramp.

This would allow Safeway trucks to exit the property on Capitol Hill Road via a right hand turn and then proceed either north or south on Barbur Boulevard. This would virtually eliminate most of our traffic safety concerns.

Second, we have concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety at that particular intersection of SW Falcon and Capitol Hill Road. That section of road had at one time been designated as a city walkway, but still is in need of sidewalk and bike lane improvements. These improvements would make this road much more conducive for local residents to safely access

Safeway.

Third, we ask for clarification of the ODOT decision to not mark the pedestrian crosswalk with "crossing stripes" at the Barbur Boulevard slip lane to Multnomah Boulevard. We feel that marking the walkway clearly would help to slow traffic and make for a safer walking environment for residents.

We are very appreciative of Safeway for their receptiveness and openness with the neighborhood in regards to the planned improvements.

Safeway has been a valued part of the Multnomah neighborhood for decades and has always been a good neighbor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input to this project and look forward to a new store in our community.

Moses J. Ross, Chair
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