

SEI Sports It's All Star Cast



Ellison (Eli) Morgan,
President of 2030
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1997-1998 High School All-Stars. (Photo by Larry J. Jackson Sr.)

S.E.I proudly sports its cast of all-stars at its recent S.E.I. Alumni vs. High School All-Stars Game. The Alumni of S.E.I. show they still have what it takes to keep their younger up and coming high school all-star team counterparts in line.

The game also provided the opportunity for members of the cast, Administration, and participants alike to pay their heartfelt gratitude



to their all-star board member Ellison (Eli) Morgan, who made, what is believed to be the largest

contribution (\$5 million) to an Oregon CBO, such as S.E.I.

Tony Hopson, President of S.E.I. stated, "it's easy to talk about changing lives and creating options; it's quite another thing to put your money where your mouth is and invest in those options, the kids and our future." "We will be forever grateful, to everyone. Our alumni, volunteers, coordinators, donors and the community for helping make our dream a reality."

Demolition and Displacement are Forever: Light Rail and North/Northeast Portland

By PAULINE BRADFORD AND CATHY GALBRAITH

If all goes as planned by TriMet and METRO, North/Northeast Portland will be forever changed, and the people whose lives will be changed are conspicuously absent from the discussions.

The stage is being set for construction of Light Rail Transit, which is moving "Full Steam Ahead", despite the following:

- Voters rejected funding for the 'State share' (11/96); Costs of Light Rail were reduced to avoid another public vote.

- There continues to be no evidence of willingness to financially support construction of the line to Vancouver, which is the key to TriMet's projected 30% increase in transit ridership.

- Construction and annual operations & maintenance costs are astronomical, with woefully small projections of ridership compared to the costs of Light Rail.

The Light Rail line from the Clackamas Regional Center to North Lombard will cost \$915 million dollars to build, cost \$96 million dollars every year to operate and maintain, and is projected to result in a mere 11% increase in transit ridership by the year 2015.

Light Rail has become the "Holy Grail", the single and only answer to: achieve population and density plans, accommodate growth, protect the Urban Growth Boundary, and pry drivers out of their cars and onto public transit. Meanwhile, TriMet is adopting hefty increases for use of its LIFT service for the elderly and disabled, and transit ridership continues to be substantially below TriMet's projections.

Property owners, residents, and businesses in North/Northeast Portland—who will suffer the most from impacts of this "through route" in our neighborhoods—have not been very visible at meetings and 'open houses' where maps clearly show what's on the drawing boards. We wonder why.

There are two alternate routes through North/Northeast. The Wheeler-Russell or East I-5 / Kerby routes through the Eliot neighborhood, and then either West-of-I-5 or Interstate Avenue through Boise, Humboldt, Overlook, Arbor Lodge, Piedmont, and Kenton. **Pick Your Pain:** Eliot loses 15 homes and 6 or 7 businesses

(including all of the east side of N. Page Street) with Wheeler/Russell, or Lloyd loses 26 housing units and Eliot and Boise lose 8 businesses with East I-5/Kerby. With West-of-I-5, Overlook loses 82 homes (including Minnesota Ave), Kenton loses 15, and Arbor Lodge loses 10. With the Interstate Avenue route, Overlook, Kenton, and Arbor Lodge lose 69 homes and 29 businesses. These "removals" mean the displacement of PEOPLE—homeowners, residents, and employees who will have to go "somewhere else". Then there are the "areas of impact" - the properties that sit within 1000 feet of the chosen light rail route, where redevelopment is planned for higher densities to support the Light Rail lines by providing riders. So who is Light Rail really for? What about the people who already live here?

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