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To: City of Milwaukie
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Planning Commission members
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From: Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board
Eleanor Johnson, Chair *Eleanor Johnson*
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Cc: Michelle Healy, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

Re: North Clackamas Park North Side Plan

In July, 2010, the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board sent a letter to the City of Milwaukie Planning staff and Planning Commission members regarding the adoption of the North Clackamas Park North Side Master Plan into the City of Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan. At that time we expressed our significant concern about the plan locating a new parking lot to be accessed through the existing Milwaukie Center parking lot.

We understand that the City of Milwaukie Planning Commission is meeting with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District staff for a work session regarding the North Clackamas Park North Side Master Plan on February 22. On behalf of the entire Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board, I want to share our unremitting and serious concern about adding greater amount of traffic to an area where a high percentage of the pedestrians are older adults and people with disabilities. We feel it is inappropriate to plan the access of a new parking lot through the Milwaukie Center parking lot.

On a daily basis, more than 500 people come to the Milwaukie Center. Attached are several photos showing the limited scope of the parking lot, which accommodates public busses, private vehicles and significant foot traffic of primarily older adults and people with disabilities. When busses or cars are parked in front of the Milwaukie Center front entry, visibility is greatly impaired for pedestrians, who are stepping in front of traffic, going to and from the parking lot. Moving more vehicles past the front door of the Milwaukie Center to access the new parking lot will considerably increase the potential of vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

The Center/Community Advisory Board urges your careful consideration of the siting of a new parking lot in the North Clackamas Park north side. A parking area is needed for the north side, but it should NOT be accessed through the Milwaukie Center parking lot.

Milwaukie Center Parking Lot



View from the south, toward Milwaukie Center front entry



Main entrance to the parking lot which goes directly by the Milwaukie Center front entry. This would also be the main entrance for the new north side parking lot.



Bus passing front entry of Milwaukie Center