

To: City of Portland Bureau of Development Services
Attn: Rodney Jennings, Land Use Services, rodney.jennings@portlandoregon.gov
From: Lents Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee
Re: LU 18-150004 AD, Proposed Type II Adjustments to 9816 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97266

Dear Mr. Jennings,

After review of the adjustments, requested by TriMet, for their project located at 9816 SE Powell Blvd, the Land Use Committee of the Lents Neighborhood Association would like to provide some background information and feedback from nearby residents for your consideration.

Over the last decade, the condition and maintenance of the landscape buffer area has been a point of contention between TriMet, as the entity responsible for the buffer, and neighbors on SE 97th and 98th Avenues as well as SE Bush and Boise Streets. The landscape buffer is functionally the primary mitigation for noise and fumes between the TriMet facility and the adjacent residential area. Feedback we have heard from residents during the initial outreach process TriMet was conducting included requests that the buffer be increased in both height and depth, and better maintained so that gaps in the plants that provide the screen do not occur.

The increase of the type of landscape screening from L3 and L5 appears to be in the spirit of responding to neighbors' concerns, but we would like TriMet to do as much as possible to ensure that all existing mature trees are able to remain and are not cut down to facilitate the construction of the L5 berm. In addition, we would like a sound study and analysis of the diesel exhaust overflow from the site done before approving any adjustments. We are requesting these studies to ensure that any capital investment on this site contributes to increased mitigation of the off-site, externalized health impacts caused by the site to the greatest extent possible. Finally, a schedule of when maintenance activities including bus washing and fueling should be provided and considered before any adjustment is granted, as overnight cleaning and fueling activities create an additional imperative that the impact of noise and fumes on nearby residences be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Cora Potter, Land Use Chair, Lents Neighborhood Association