

November 2, 2011

To: The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association
April Bertelsen - Pedestrian Coordinator PBOT
Catherine Ciarlo - Transportation
Nick Fish - City Commissioner
Dan Saltzman - City Commissioner

As residents and property owners along the proposed path of the SW Sunset Blvd. sidewalk project we feel that the project is moving forward without consideration for our concerns. We have not been engaged nor informed throughout the current plan development and no one has reached out to inquire regarding our thoughts and opinions or offer information regarding the intended design. Scheduled meetings for the organizations involved have not been well publicized and there has been no direct contact with the residents who will be most impacted as the plan moves forward. We all take great pride in our neighborhood and we should be given the opportunity to be involved in such a significant change to our properties. Voting on a plan when those most affected are not even present should not constitute due process.

We respectfully request the chance to discuss this process in detail with the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association, Portland Bureau of Transportation representatives and any other relevant decision makers. We have a number of major concerns that we feel have not been addressed in the current process and we feel that there is a real obligation on the City of Portland and the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association to address each of them before this project can be advanced. Calling it a "Done Deal" is unfair to all of us and certainly does not represent a fair or transparent democratic process.

We are available to meet at the earliest convenience. Coming together and crafting a reasonable plan that really fits our neighborhoods livability over the long term is what we are asking for. Please let's do this for every ones benefit and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

The Residents of SW Sunset Blvd.