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**Noise Review Board
Minutes
June 14, 2017**

Present: Melissa Stewart, Michael Wallace, Kerrie Standlee, Jamie Hurd, and Paul van Orden

Absent: Ryan Hyke

Minutes: Katherine Couch – from recording

Request from Kelly Hawley, representing Oregon Department of Transportation, for a 2-year variance to allow for nighttime construction work.

The work required is construction of the I-205 Northbound: I-84 to NE Killingsworth Auxiliary Lane, construction of the I-205 Southbound: I-84 to SE Division Auxiliary Lane Projects, and associated paving work extending along the I-205 from Glenn Jackson Bridge to Johnson Creek

Attending for ODOT: Dee Hidalgo, Ana Jovanovic, Adam Martell, Carole Newvine, Jessica Stark, with SLR International, and Tanya Wenzel with SLR International

Representatives from ODOT discussed notification efforts, both to- date and upcoming, described the extent of the project, which will include updating required ADA access updated, auxiliary lanes including ramps; retaining walls, and sign structures (some of which include foundation work)

Weather -related issues prohibits paving work during winter, so the work will be timed to coincide with typical summer weather patterns

ODOT's suggested mitigation measures, reviewed the distance to residential receivers. See attached documents for further details

The Noise Review Board had many questions clarifying:

- the extent of work to be done
- the timing of whether the work will be for concurrent nights
- clarification of overlap in different components
- More details with regards to the necessity of night time work due to traffic impacts.

There was substantial concern over the predicted dBA levels in certain places. The main point of concern was that 1 house is going to have extensive noise impact, with predicted levels of 120 dBA.

ODOT proposed the standard mitigation measures they typically use for NRB variance applications. They pointed out that that they respond to complaints very quickly.

The Noise Review Board would like a remedy before they get complaints, as opposed to afterward.

Paul van Orden suggests exploring the dBA levels we're having issues with, by sitting down with ODOT and exploring the area of most concern and come up with a creative solution. As an aside, Paul says that noise staff is considering having pre-application meetings before going before the Noise Review Board to help things go smoother in the hearing.

Kerrie reiterates that he is concerned with just the one location at Woodstock and Foster. They will come back with more specificity.

Public Testimony on the variance application

Mary Sipe- Pearl District citizen

has been studying noise for the last 3 years. She would like ODOT to consider the neighbors and don't use the word "nuisance" because of the impacts.

She needs sleep for chronic kidney failure. She does not think there should be back-to-back construction activity to give people relief.

The board will table their decision until the July meeting and before that, noise staff will set up a meeting with ODOT and ODOT will have a chance to identify any extra mitigation.

Kerrie Standlee moves that the Noise Review Board will tentatively approve the application for the variance with conditions to be finalized with the incorporation of mitigation measures proposed, and additional measures to be determined for specific sites at city sites where they have been identified as receiving noise levels exceeding 80 dBA.

Jamie Hurd seconds the motion.

The Motion carries unanimously, 4 – 0. Voting members present are: Kerrie Standlee, Melissa Stewart, Jamie Hurd, and Michael Wallace.

Jamie Hurd makes a motion to table the April minutes until the July meeting

Kerrie Standlee seconds the motion.

The Motion carries unanimously, 4 – 0. Voting members present are: Kerrie Standlee, Melissa Stewart, Jamie Hurd, and Michael Wallace.

Public Testimony

Desi Wright

Pile Drivers

Asks where NRB is at with the pile driving exemption.

Paul van Orden says that with ONI's reorganization, combined with the busy season, this is on hold for now. The date is not set yet.

Desi asks if it will be the same Citywide, or is density factored in? In places like the Port of Portland and the Columbia River Crossing, when it gets back on the table, this will create unnecessary and red tape.

Paul replies that in his experience, having things more complex creates more confusion, and he would like to make this change as basic as possible.

Kerrie Standlee suggests that contractors come to the noise control office first, and the Noise Control Officer, after consulting the NRB Chair will decide as to whether an NRB hearing would be required.

Desi Wright is concerned about one person deciding, adding costs, especially when having a sound building is the most important component and engineers are the people in the position to make the determination

Industry is already working on solutions specifically addressing the impact hammer mitigation

Mary Sipe

Says she has been thinking about the pile driving exemption issue. She would be more comfortable if the exemption removal was pile driving within so many feet of residents, schools, or hospitals. The whole idea of banning pile driving feels way beyond what she was looking for. She was never pushing for that. Bureau of Development Services is the correct bureau to address the issue.

Mary Sipe says that she understands pushing the decision back a bit, after having talked with Dave Austin. She is more than happy to help with the presentation. She would like to team up with Kerrie Standlee. She's been putting a PowerPoint together for the pile driving issue.

Juan Sanchez

Pacific NW District Council of Carpenters

Asks if this is a work in progress

Kerrie Standlee moves to adjourn the meeting.

Jamie Hurd seconds the motion.

The Motion carries unanimously, 4 – 0. Voting members present are: Kerrie Standlee, Melissa Stewart, Jamie Hurd, and Michael Wallace.