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Chloe Eudaly Commissioner **Chris Warner** Interim Director

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RE: N Denver Avenue Paving Project (Lombard to Watts)

Dear Community Members:

In 2016, Portland voters approved Measure 26-173, **Fixing Our Streets**, Portland's first local funding source dedicated to paving maintenance and projects to improve transportation safety. Fixing Our Streets funds have been allocated to repave N Denver Avenue between N Lombard and N Watts Street.

When PBOT repaves a roadway, we often leverage the opportunity to improve safety at the same time and review the lane configuration, bike facilities, and crossings. We initially proposed repaving N Denver Avenue this past summer with protected bike lanes, transit stops and crossing medians. We received positive support, but also heard some concerns about the proposed design and placed the project on hold to continue our outreach with the neighborhood. Outreach included a direct mailing, an online survey, a presentation at a meeting of the Kenton Neighborhood Association, and a public open house held on October 2, 2018.

While most of the Portlanders providing feedback on the project supported the original design, many residents still had concerns. In addition to reviewing the concerns about the design, we evaluated the possibility of signalized crossing improvements along the corridor but found that they were not warranted at this time. Our project team has determined that the project can be delivered with standard bike lanes and curb-tight parking while leaving open the potential to switch to parking-protected bike lanes as part of a future project. In the interest of moving forward with the needed paving maintenance in the summer of 2019, this is what we will do.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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