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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Planning Commission Members and Transportation Commission Members c/o Mike Faught, Public Works Director City of Ashland 51 Winburn Way Ashland, OR 97520

E: City of Ashland Transportation System Plan Update
Joint Planning & Transportation Commission Meeting 01/26/2012
Further Commissioner Discussion of Preferred and
Financially Constrained TSP Amendment Updates
Road Project R25 - Washington St. Extension to Tolman Crk.Rd.

Dear Planning and Transportation Commission Members:

Thank you for entertaining my comments offered, on behalf of our clients, IPCO and the Brombacher family (collectively "IPCO"), during the public forum portion of your previous November 7th and November 29th joint meetings concerning City's proposed updates to its Transportation System Plan.

IPCO owns the property between Tolman Creek Road and Washington Street, as indicated on the attached aerial map. See attached "B" depicting IPCO Property.

Two Washington Street Extension alternatives are offered in the Plan documents (Roadway Project # R25 and Roadway Project #R29). As suggested during the previous joint Commission meetings on November 7, 2011 and November 29, 2011, joint meetings of the Planning and Transportation Commissions, we hoped that your recommendation to Council concerning any future extension of Washington Street could include adoption of Roadway Project **#R29** (Washington Street extension to Benson Way) <u>as</u>

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<u>an alternative</u> to Roadway Project **#R25** (Washington Street extension to Tolman Creek Road). See: attached Exhibit "A" (Summary of Project # R-25 and Project # R-29).

Our hope is that the joint Commission members will recommend adoption of the proposed future Washington Street Extension reflected in Project #R-29, and abandon the alternative Washington Street Extension through IPCO's property to Tolman Creek Road (Project # R-25). See attached Exhibit "A".

First, Tolman Creek Road is a one-lane collector street which is already overburdened by traffic.

Second, the proposed Washington Street Extension to Tolman Creek Road is clearly depicted in the Report (Project # R25) as bisecting IPCO's property with a new "Neighborhood Collector Commercial" street, with a Right-of-Way width being taken from IPCO in a 57' to 63' wide swath, for the entire length of the proposed R25 Washington Street extension.

Third, A few years ago IPCO paid roughly \$50,000 for its share of the LID improvements to Tolman Creek Road. During that time, IPCO also committed substantial additional investment by "stubbing out" various utilities for future development of IPCO's property, as directed by City officials at the time.

Fourth, IPCO's property would in no way be benefitted by the proposed new public street from Washington Street to Tolman Creek Road, which is depicted on attached **Exhibit "A"** as bisecting IPCO's property for its entire width. Again, IPCO already paid a substantial amount for the LID improvements to Tolman Creek Road, completed just a few years ago. These improvements were designed to accommodate full build-out of IPCO's property.

Fifth, IPCO is extremely concerned about the effect of "condemnation blight"on the value and marketability of its property (described in the

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Endnote to my letter previously submitted at the November 7, 2011 meeting).

Lastly, IPCO again respectfully voices its strenuous objection to the proposed Washington Street Extension to Tolman Creek Road (Project # R25), and requests the Joint Commission instead recommend the Benson Way extension alternative for Washington Street (Project # R29).

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT "C": IPCO SITE PLAN

Enclosures:

Exhibit "A": Attachment "A", Pg. 24, Project # R25;

and Pg. 28, Project # R29.

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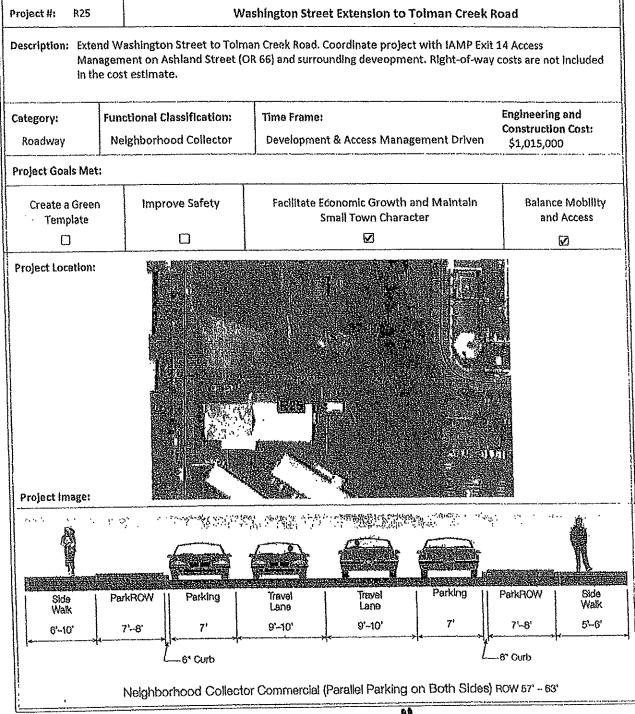
Exhibit "B": IPCO Property

cc: Clients

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Attachment A
Project Prospectus Sheets
Intersection and Roadway Projects

Exhibit A
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