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Dear Laura:

Please accept and review the following comments as it regards the USACE Feasibility Study for the Portland Metro Levee and its specific impact on the Bridgeton Neighborhood of North Portland.

As a 35-year resident and property owner in the Bridgeton neighborhood I feel that the proposed USACE levee improvement alternatives do a great disservice to the residents and property owners of our neighborhood.

Specifically, the USACE Feasibility Study makes no reference to, and its proposals are in direct opposition to, the City of Portland's "**Bridgeton Neighborhood Plan**" **adopted by the Portland City Council by Ordinance No. 171238, as amended Substitute Ordinance No. 171239, Resolution No. 35619.**

The comprehensive Bridgeton Neighborhood Plan envisioned a walkable neighborhood focused on interaction with and access to the Columbia River and North Portland Harbor. I feel that some of the USACE's proposals (specifically a 4' to 5' wall) will irreparably harm our neighborhood's livability.

Furthermore, I feel that whatever plan the USACE adopts should seriously address the following points:

- A 4' to 5' flood wall in Bridgeton is unacceptable and harmful to Bridgeton residents and property owners.
- The City of Portland's adopted Bridgeton Neighborhood Plan should be used as a primary guide for the USACE design.
- Improved walkability of the Bridgeton neighborhood.
- Connect the "missing link" of the Bridgeton segment of Portland's 40 Mile Loop.
- Protect and Improve access to the river.

- Maintain residents parking on the levee overburden on the north side of Bridgeton Road.
- Complete the Bridgeton streetscape plan, provide sidewalks and bury power lines and other utilities during construction.
- Compensate owners of private property impacted by the USACE Plan.

The USACE has an opportunity to involve the residents of the Bridgeton neighborhood and the citizens of Portland in constructing a levee enhancement that will pass the test of time and become an enduring legacy to USACE's good management and cooperation with the citizens of the City of Portland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Whitney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "O" at the end.

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