

MEMO TO: Lei Wu, Project Manager 166th Corridor Rechannelization Study Project Manager

FROM: Arnie Tomac, Chair Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC)

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR RECHANNELIZATION OF 166th AVENUE NE,

INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ENHANCEMENTS

The Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) firmly supports the rechannelization of 166th Avenue NE between 85th Street NE and 100th Street NE, particularly the installation of bicycle lanes and improved pedestrian crossings.

PBAC enjoyed the presentation staff gave at the November PBAC meeting and was interested learning about the phased approach to improve safety on 166th Avenue NE. Comments from members supported the rechannelization in order to improve safety for all users through scope elements including bicycle lanes and improved pedestrian crossings. One detail members were concerned about was whether or not bicyclists heading southbound/downhill near 85th Street NE, where the roadway transitions from one general purpose lane to two, could be directed to merge using paint rather than forced to merge via a curb in the bicycle lane.

This project also advances the vision of the recently adopted 2013 Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The Bicycle System Plan identifies this portion of 166th Avenue NE for bicycle lanes, tying the existing bicycle networks in Downtown and Education Hill together – supporting the creation of a complete, connected bicycle facility network. Pedestrians will also benefit from the project because the improved pedestrian crossings help implement the vision of a more connected pedestrian network. This will reduce walking time to destinations like a neighbors' house, transit, parks, and the Downtown urban center.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the development of this project.

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