

# PORTLAND SWAP MEET COMMITTEE

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**Subject: Marine Drive Interchange / Portland Expo Center**  
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Dear MS. Gunderson, CRC Project Staff and CRC Task Force Members:

My name is David Van Winkle and I am Chairman of the Portland Swap Meet Committee. The annual Portland Swap Meet is one of over 100 events that will be directly impacted by the proposed Diagonal and Southern Alignment options being considered for the Marine Drive Interchange.

For the past 38 years the Portland Swap Meet Committee has held their first weekend in April event at the Expo center. During this event, we utilize all the buildings as well as the entire parking lot - including the TriMet Park and Ride spaces. We provide space for 4,200 vendor booths during our 3-day event and will attract in excess of **25,500** potential customers. This considerable task is performed by the 120 Portland Swap Meet Committee members and approximately 300 volunteers representing the six car collector clubs, which are the basis for the committee.

Our event has a significant impact on the local community. Motels, restaurants, Portland International Raceway, Portland Meadows and transportation services provide the support required for our 10,000 attendees. If significant changes in the access to Expo result in our not being able to use the facility, local businesses would experience a significant decline in revenue. In addition, the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission would not receive full value from its investment in Expo.

The Portland Swap Meet Committee **strongly opposes the Diagonal and Southern Alignment** proposals. Loss of building space, elimination of parking lot space, restricted access to both the site and the buildings for vendors, and significant changes to current traffic patterns would result in our no longer being able to use Expo for our event. We do **support the Standard / Current Interchange** option or any other option that does not have a significant site or access impact on Expo.

Again, let me emphasize our support for the **Standard / Current** Interchange option. This option will preserve the integrity of the Expo Center, the economic health of many local businesses and the connectivity that is vital to all events. We trust you will consider the needs of those who rent the Expo center and vote against any proposal that negatively impacts that site.

Sincerely,



David Van Winkle  
Chairman, Portland Swap Meet Committee

Cc: Chris Bailey, Director - Portland Expo Center