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City of John Day Nick Green, City Manager 450 East Main St John Day, OR 97845

Subject: Invitation to Discuss Future Changes to the Driveway that Connects Your

Property to US395 in John Day

Hwy#048 (John Day - Burns) US395C at Mile Point 0.549

SW 6th Avenue

Dear Mr. Green,

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is currently designing a sidewalk enhancement project scheduled to commence in 2019. The project will construct new curb and sidewalk from the High School to SW 6th Avenue on South Canyon Boulevard (US395C). To the extent possible, the project will also modify and consolidate highway approaches, commonly known as driveways, to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Your highway approach identified in the subject lines above falls within the project boundaries. During the construction phase of the project, new curb and sidewalk will be installed along the west side of the highway through the entire project requiring that your existing highway approach be changed to include pedestrian ramps in the new curb. The change is not anticipated to affect the width of SW 6th Avenue. There is an aerial photo enclosed depicting the tentative driveway location. Before any decisions are made about the exact design of your highway approach, the project team would like your input.

Please contact us within the next two weeks if you would like to discuss ODOT's tentative plans and any questions or concerns you have regarding the modified design of your highway approach. If you would prefer not to travel to the ODOT office, we can schedule a telephone conference to discuss the issues.

If ODOT does not hear from you by August 18th 2020, we will proceed with our design process and will notify you when the final decisions have been made about your driveway design. You will have a chance to review the decision and the design at that time. However, we find that the design process works more smoothly for property owners if we obtain property owner input early in the design phase.

Please contact Sean Maloney at (541) 823-4025 or John Eden at (541) 823-4016 at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Ken Patterson

Region 5 Area Manager

cc: Sean P. Maloney, Project Leader

Jeff Wise, Region 5 Access Management Engineer

Paul Woodworth, District 14 Manager John Eden, District 14 Permit Specialist

