

RE: **Multnomah County Case File No. T3-2022-16220 (PWB Filtration Plant)**

Date: July 27, 2023

From: Brent Leathers, 35050 SE Carpenter Lane, Gresham

To: Lisa Estrin, Senior Planner

Hi, Lisa,

I am submitting this email and a video link, and request that both be added to Hearings Officer's file for review in this matter. Given the help rendered by Scott Robison (downloading the video content), it sounds like the video link is unnecessary.

Here is the video hyperlink: <https://vimeo.com/343524842/dcae01add7>

The video is essentially an aerial view of the Carpenter Lane neighborhood between Cottrell Road and the PWB site, with commentary by citizens that live close by the proposed filtration plant site. It is intended to address the following criteria of MCC 39.7515:

MCC 39.7515(A), as to consistency with the character of the area. The video helps to establish the baseline for the undisturbed, quiet, rural character of the immediate area.

MCC 39.7515(C)(1) and (2). The R & H Nursery operation lies on the south side of Carpenter, just east of its intersection with Cottrell. The nursery owner has provided and will provide its own written and oral testimony. However, as to its evidence regarding conflicts with farm vehicles, this video helps to illustrate how, during the 4-5 year construction period at least, PWB's proposal will (1) force a significant change in accepted farm practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm use; and (2) significantly increase the cost of such accepted farm practices. None of the proposed conditions of approval will provide mitigation for these impacts.

MCC 39.7515(D). The applied-for use will require public services, including roadway improvements and (somehow) provisions for emergency services other than those existing or programmed for the area.

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The following individuals served to provide narrative in the video:

Pat and Doug Meyer, 34835 SE Carpenter Lane, Gresham

Ian Courter, 36610 SE Dodge Park Rd., Boring

Brent Leathers, 35050 SE Carpenter Lane, Gresham (voice only)

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The video provides some historical context regarding this conditional use proposal, including some of the early-identified impacts to neighboring properties, despite "Good Neighbor" promises by PWB to local residents.

The video also provides visual representation of the narrow roadways and tight 90-degree turns adjacent to the proposed site (at Carpenter Lane/Cottrell Road and Cottrell Road/Dodge Park Blvd.).

Respectfully submitted,



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Case File T3-2022-16220 (PWB), Additional Testimony in Opposition from Brent Leathers

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