

Woodlawn LUTC Comp Plan Feedback
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Environmental: We are against turning green spaces in the Riverside and Broadmoor golf courses into industrial areas; these concerns link with the N Portland air quality comments and Mikel's testimony. Also against turning W Hayden Island into a port facility. Plans for creating industrial areas along Lombard and Columbia go against the need to develop affordable housing, and also could increase the pollution in North and NE Portland. They would definitely increase the number of heavy trucks through the neighborhood.

Safety: Deep concerns about the volatile items being shipped on trains through our neighborhoods and the potential for explosions or environmental catastrophe. We now have propane tanks added to the areas near the railroad. Shipping oil, gas, ammonia, coal, or flammable liquids carries risk. The plan proposes adding another track. (Kenton Rail Line project). This additional track could increase shipping of volatiles and at higher speeds. We have grade schools and residences extremely close to the tracks. Our neighborhood center is well within the blast radius (which goes from the tracks to almost Holman Street, in the Woodlawn neighborhood).

Transportation: A proposed plan for a bridge over the train tracks near 11th or 13th would need closer examination. This bridge could be a good thing, allowing emergency vehicles to cross from south to north without having to detour to MLK when a train is on the tracks.

Institutional Campus Zones: We have concerns about this zoning as to how it could increase the ability of a school to expand into residential areas and its effects on parking.