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Subject: NW 8th Avenue Proposal
Attachments: NW 8th Ave.pdf

Dear Mayor Lowe and Honorable City Commissioners,

I plan to attend the workshop regarding plans for NW 8th Avenue modifications tonight at A. Quinn Jones. I have carefully studied the "FINAL DRAFT" report prepared for the Public Works Department by Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc. dated May 2012 and wish to present an alternative that would not reduce the automotive travel lanes. Further, my proposal would cost less and achieve almost all of the current proposal's goals.

Please find a cross section sketch of NW 8th Avenue I prepared to illustrate attached to this email. My proposal would leave NW 8th Avenue as-is saving the cost of curbing and pavement reconfiguration. I propose the addition of a "boardwalk" type sidewalk structure to connect the existing new boardwalks we have recently built to Westside Park and to the existing sidewalk at NW 23rd Street adding observation area into the conservation lands and separating bicycle traffic from pedestrian traffic. It also proposes to move the O/H electric wire servicing the street lights underground, adding street trees on the south side (which will require slight relocation of the existing sidewalk in some cases) and addition of plantings between the existing sidewalk and curb on the north side. The existing sidewalks would be designated bicycle paths which would take bicycle traffic out of the street and away from pedestrians.

It achieves:

1. Separation of bicycles from cars by providing designated bicycle lanes out of the street.
2. Separation of pedestrians from bicycles.
3. Enhancement of NW 8th Avenue's appearance.
4. Connection of existing boardwalks and enhanced safety for pedestrians.
5. It would cost less than the existing proposal to add medians.
6. It will not reduce the automotive travel lanes, but will enhance automotive safety by getting bicycles out of the street.

I hope you can support this proposal. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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President

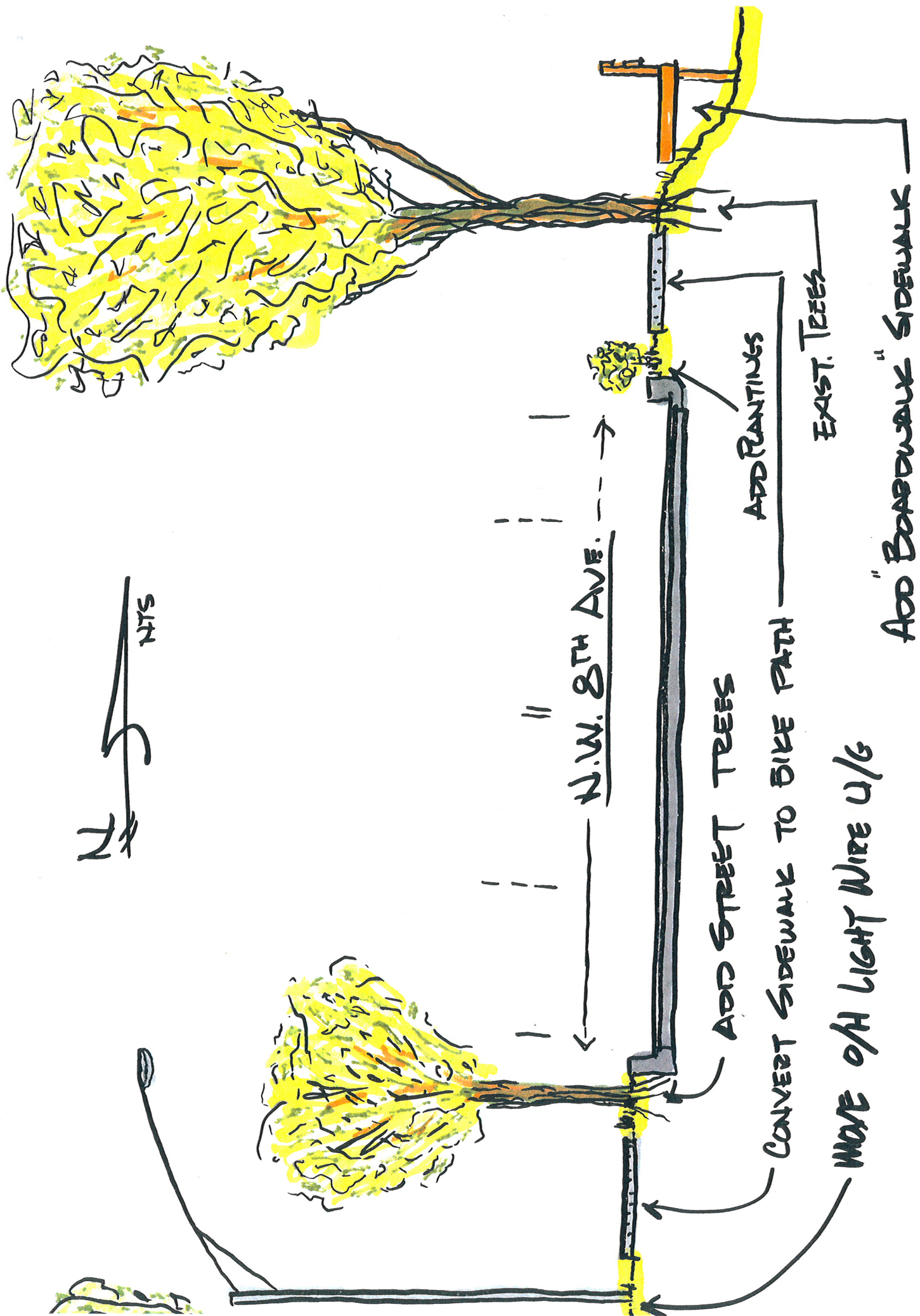
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ADD STREET TREES

CONVERT SIDEWALK TO BIKE PATH

ADD PLANTINGS

EXIST. TREES

MOVE O/H LIGHT WIRE U/G

ADD "BOARDWALK" SIDEWALK