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ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee
Oregon Department of Transportation
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Re: ODOT STIP Enhance Program Project Application Support

To ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee members,

On behalf of the City of Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), I am writing in support of multiple ODOT STIP Enhance Program project applications on the 150% Project List submitted by the City of Portland and other agencies. The Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports the projects and urges that funding be awarded to build these projects. Funding these projects will further advance City policies to enhance public health, sustainability and opportunities for people to walk, bicycle, take transit and transfer between these modes.

There are a number of good projects submitted by the City and other agencies. The PAC considered a filtered list of priority projects and provided strong endorsement for five projects that address pressing access and safety concerns, especially for lower income residents. These projects will enhance access to transit and improve safety for pedestrians. The PAC recommends they be funded first as top priority projects. They are listed below.

PAC Top Priority Projects for Funding on the ODOT STIP List:

- E84 Barbur-99W Corridor Safety & Access to Transit (\$ 3 ,144,140) (TriMet)
- E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit (\$ 2 ,982,745) (TriMet)
- E29 SE Foster Road Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project (\$ 2 ,243,997)
- E32 St. Johns Truck Strategy Phase II (\$ 2 ,927,890)
- E21 Connected Cully (\$ 2 ,877,641)
- E22 Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvements (\$ 2 ,009,952)

In addition, the PAC supports the following projects, but to a lesser extent:

- E23 N Broadway Safety Crossing Enhancement Project (\$ 1 ,389,458)
- E33 Sullivan's Gulch Trail Under crossing of I-205 (\$ 1 ,555,921)
- E69 I-205 Path at Johnson Creek (\$1,250,000) (ODOT)
- E60 Willamette Greenway Trail: Chimney Park/Kelley Pt Park (\$5,000,000) (Metro)

The PAC would like to see the design of the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Under crossing of I-205 revisited and refined to better serve pedestrians.

As an advisory body to the City of Portland, the PAC strongly supports efforts to complete the pedestrian network, enhance opportunities for walking, bicycling, and riding transit and promote growth of vibrant communities within our city. We urge you to fund these proposed projects.

Sincerely,

David Aulwes
Chair, Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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