

ENHANCE 150% LIST PUBLIC COMMENTS

E21: CONNECTED CULLY
SUPPORTING COMMENTS

HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 9:18 AM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: Statement of project support:

From: Terry Dublinski
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 9:17:32 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: Statement of project support:

Hello Region One Project STIP Selection committee:

I am writing in support of funding for these critical projects. Even though funding currently is limited, each of these projects advances areas of the Portland area that are in desperate need of modernization, or builds critical connections. Each of these projects will facilitate active transportation goals. These will not only lower our overall health care costs and relieve congestion pressure on our transportation system, but also increase our transportation efficiency and quality of life. I urge your committee to approve the applications for these projects.

Willamette Greenway Trail: Chimney Park/Kelley Pt Park

Connected Cully

Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvements

Citywide Bicycle System Improvements

SE Foster Road Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project

Sullivan's Gulch Trail Under-crossing of I-205,

I-205 Shared Use Path: Pedestrian Bridge at Johnson Creek

Cazadero State Trail

THPRD West side Trail sections 12-14

Thank you for your time and work,

Terry Dublinski

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June 21, 2013

Bill Wyatt
Chair, ODOT Region 1 STIP Selection Committee
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Dear Chair Wyatt:

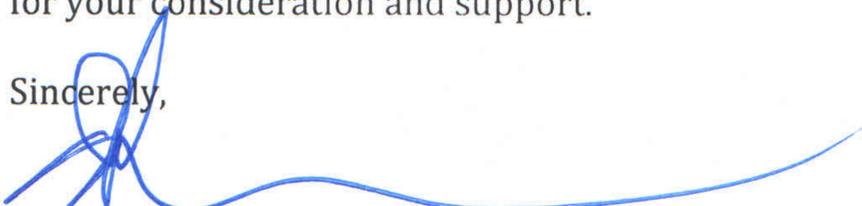
The Governor's Regional Solutions Center (RSC) work at the local level to identify priorities, solve problems and seize opportunities to improve Oregon's economy by working collaboratively with local and regional stakeholders. We integrate state agency work and funding to ensure that regional projects, including high-centered transportation infrastructure projects, are identified and completed in the most economical and streamlined process possible.

While there are many important local and regional priority projects under consideration, I am writing this letter of support two proposals, included on the STIP Enhance 150%, that specifically align with active Metro RSC projects.

- **Connected Cully - \$2,877,641 (E21 - Streetscape/Bike/Ped Connectivity Projects):** The NE Portland's Cully area neighborhood revitalization is a RSC project prioritized by the RSC Advisory Committee. Cully is a neighborhood characterized by concentrated poverty, racial diversity, as well as by lack of adequate transportation infrastructure. This investment will improve much needed transportation and safety needs while positioning public lands to meet local economic and community development needs. This project will leverage regional public investments by providing connections to the recently completed Cully Boulevard, to transit, and to the future site of Thomas Cully Park.
- **NE 238th Drive - \$7,859,340 (Halsey Street to Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements):** RSC Advisory Committee prioritized Gresham Vista Business Park's (GVBP) industrial land for public investments and actions to move to development ready. The proposed transportation investment will further position the GVBP industrial site for private investment and job creation opportunities. Also, this project is a top priority project identified by a consensus process with East County cities and Multnomah County as part of the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) corridor study.

We believe the above projects will help advance the efforts of the Cully neighborhood to improve its future and provide important freight access to an identified priority industrial parcel. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Bobby Lee
Regional Solutions Center Coordinator



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November 26, 2012

Oregon Department of Transportation
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Re: City of Portland's *Connected Cully* Enhance grant application.

To Whom It May Concern:

Hacienda CDC, the Native American Youth & Family Center/NAYA and Verde write to express our strong support for the City of Portland's *Connected Cully* Enhance grant application, to share information about our organizations and work in the Cully Neighborhood, and our role in the grant's implementation.

Hacienda CDC develops affordable housing and builds thriving communities in support of working Latino families and others in Oregon by promoting healthy living and economic advancement. It began its neighborhood revitalization in Cully in 1992. 20 years later, Cully is home to 5 Hacienda CDC affordable housing properties, offering Portland's most extensive bilingual/bicultural social service delivery network. Hacienda CDC housing serves approximately 2,000 residents. Most HCDC residents earn 30-60% of Median Family Income, below the Federal Poverty Line. The population is 70% Hispanic, 15% Somali, 15% African American/other; 60% are children. 10 of 12 HCDC Board Members are Latino. Hundreds of children live in Hacienda CDC properties, attending local schools like Scott and Rigler.

NAYA's mission is to enhance the diverse strengths of our youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education. Established in 1974 as a grass-roots parent and volunteer effort, NAYA provides services to over 2000 community members annually: after school tutoring, youth development, emergency housing, energy assistance, employment services, domestic violence prevention, homeownership support and community economic development. 2007, NAYA established the NAYA Early College Academy, a Native-specific high school which teaches from an Indigenous perspective, addresses the community's high dropout rates and prepares Native Americans for college and other post-secondary education. Located in the Cully Neighborhood, NAYA has over 95 full-time staff (80% Native American). 9 of 11 NAYA Board Members are Native American.

Verde serves communities by building environmental wealth through social enterprise, outreach and advocacy. Through Social Enterprise, Verde builds environmental wealth by creating green businesses that employ low-income people, providing good wages, benefits, training and asset-building opportunities. Through Outreach-Advocacy, Verde builds environmental wealth by engaging residents, peer organizations and environmental policymakers about the connection between protecting the environment and making a good living. 6.2012, Portland City Council approved an agreement between Verde and Portland Parks and Recreation for the development of Cully Park at NE 72d Avenue and NE Killingsworth. This Agreement hands over a number of Cully Park development rights to Verde. Verde has always been located in the Cully Neighborhood.

2010, Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde established Living Cully: A Cully Ecodistrict, a long-term, community-based strategy to introduce new environmental assets to Cully in response to existing community needs, reinterpreting sustainability as an anti-poverty strategy. Since 2010, Living Cully has delivered environmental assets which directly benefit Cully's low-income people and people of color, designed these projects through a multi-

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disciplinary and community-based process, and built the capacity of target businesses to design and deliver these environmental assets.

Further, Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde were heavily involved in the recently adopted *Cully Commercial Corridor and Local Street Plan*, a community-based planning process which identified the neighborhood's transportation priorities, priorities that are strongly reflected in this Connecting Cully grant application: better transportation facilities to get around the neighborhood and connect to the rest of Portland; safe ways for Cully students to walk and bike to school; connections to the future site of Cully Park; and increased access to jobs, worship, school, and recreation for Cully's residents. Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde very much want this new transportation infrastructure to come to the neighborhood.

Equally important, this application, and the new investments proposed, can also address other significant priorities from that same Cully Commercial Corridor and Local Street Plan: local economic development, and anti-displacement – whereby the City resolved to “use Cully Neighborhood as a Case Study to Address the Issues of and Proactive Strategies Related to Gentrification and Displacement.” Connecting Cully is a chance to be proactive, to collaboratively explore means by which local workers, local target businesses, and community-based institutions can play a meaningful role in the design and construction of the proposed transportation infrastructure, leading to local economic development.

Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde commit to convening a collaborative process with the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, City of Portland Office of Equity, Oregon Department of Transportation representatives, federal representatives and other stakeholders to develop the means by which these local benefits can be realized. We believe that local and national models exist where such collaborations have developed creative, permissible solutions to the challenges of directing needed investment into a low-income neighborhood and at the same time ensuring that local workers and businesses meaningfully participate in the jobs and contracting opportunities such investments represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for this application, and we look forward to working together on Connecting Cully residents to safe and accessible transportation options and to meaningful economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Hacienda CDC

Rey España
Community Development Director
Native American Youth & Family Center

Alan Hipólito
Executive Director
Verde



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May 20th, 2013

ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee
c/o Jeff Flowers, Program and Funding Services Manager
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Board of Directors SUBJECT: Oregon Walks comments on 150% Enhance Projects

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Oregon Walks, formerly the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, has been advocating since 1991 to create walkable communities and to make the conditions for walking safe, convenient, and attractive for everyone.

Oregon Walks volunteers on the Plans and Projects Committee have reviewed the projects on the 150% recommendations for potential "Enhance" STIP funding. We are pleased to see many applications for Streetscape and Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity projects, and we strongly support funding as many of those as possible.

We especially support funding of projects that provide access to transit and to other destinations that have the potential to attract many pedestrians, including those that improve pedestrian crossings on busy arterials, and those that serve vulnerable populations including the young, the old, the poor, and minority populations. We also support projects that fill gaps in the sidewalk system and those that overcome barriers often found near freeway interchanges. Our priorities are based on the research documented in the Oregon Walks publication Getting Around on Foot.

Based on those considerations, Oregon Walks urges funding of the following projects:

- E1 – Beaverton Crescent Connection (Cedar Hills to Denney Road)
- E13 – King City Sidewalk Infill
- E18 – Molalla OR Hwy 211 Bike and Ped. Safety Enhancements
- E21 – Portland Cully Blvd
- E22 – Portland Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvements
- E29 – Portland SE Foster Rd. Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project
- E40 – Sandy US 26 sidewalks (Ten Eyck Rd/Wolf Rd to Vista Loop)
- E 53 – Clackamas County Otty St – 82nd Ave Realignment
- E84 – Barbur Blvd/99W Corridor Safety and Access to Transit
- E86 – Hwy 8 Corridor Safety and Access to Transit

We appreciate this opportunity to comment,

Oregon Walks
Plans and Projects Committee



Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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June 18, 2013

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ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee
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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

CC: Dan Bower, PBOT
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HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:55 PM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: Comments on proposed STIP projects
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From: L Robinson
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 3:52:56 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: Comments on proposed STIP projects

I grew up in Gresham and am a long-time resident of east Portland (more than 40 years). I've also been involved, as a citizen, in land use and transportation issues in the area for many years. I'm also a new bike rider (since 2010).

With that in mind, I'd like to advocate for some specific projects on the STIP list.

First, I urge you to move forward the project that will make safety improvements for pedestrians along SE Foster -- **SE Foster Road Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project**. Safety improvements are desperately needed along this stretch of Foster to reduce the number of pedestrians killed or injured while trying to cross Foster.

Second, I urge you to give high priority to the **Sullivan's Gulch Trail Undercrossing of I-205**. At this time, it is very difficult & dangerous for residents who live west of the I-205 freeway in this area to access the Gateway Regional Center or the I-205 Multi-Use Path (MUP). This is made more difficult than most freeway crossings because it's also has multiple ramps connecting the I-205 AND I-84 freeways. To get to the MUP, they have to walk over a very steep overpass, with all eastbound and westbound bicycle and pedestrians sharing a single, narrow sidewalk. [Pedestrians and bikes are NOT permitted on the other side of the Halsey overpass because of a freeway off ramp from I-84 to Halsey.] Once they've navigated this treacherous section, they must make their way through the Gateway Shopping Center, through the Gateway Transit Center and across three sets of light-rail tracks to get to the I-205 MUP -- nearly a mile of dangerous travel to reach a path that's less than a quarter mile "as the crow flies". Because of the interchange at this location, pedestrians and cyclists would have to travel about a mile north (around Rocky Butte) to reach the next MUP access -- or travel considerable distance (to 82nd Ave, plus an I-84 crossing at Glisan) to reach the next closest MUP access to the south -- and the intersection where the MUP crosses Glisan is also a safety issue. At first glance this project may seem less significant than most -- but, in fact, it could make a HUGE difference in the area. which is bi-sected by two major interstate highways.

The third project that merits strong support is the **Connected Cully** project. This large, diverse, low-income neighborhood has had only one tiny 2-acre park. Portland Parks has purchased, prepared a Master Plan, and has started developing Cully Park -- but improvements are needed to make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists to get to the new park. These improvements will also

benefit children trying to walk to school.

I'd also like to express support for the following projects:

Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail: Shellrock Mountain Crossing

I-205 Shared Use Path: Maywood Park

Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

Estacada to Boring Deep Creek Crossing - Cazadero Trail

I-205 Shared Use Path: Pedestrian Bridge at Johnson Creek

NE 238th Dr: Halsey St to Glisan St Freight and Multimodal Improvements

Willamette Grnwy Trail: Chimney Park/Kelley Pt Park

-- Linda

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June 28, 2013

Oregon Department of Transportation Region 1
c/o Jeffrey Flowers
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Mr. Flowers,

East Portland Parks Coalition is pleased to support the Columbia/Alderwood/Cully Intersection Project.

The improvements to bicycle and pedestrian access along with signal improvements represents a significant investment in East Portland. As local, state and regional activity supporting economic interests gain momentum, positioning the site for future growth is crucial for East Portland citizens.

Parks, open and green spaces along with multi-model forms of transportation enhance neighborhoods. This project represents a unique partnership of allied interests.

Precision planning, as defined by this project is essential for maintaining high standards of livability for which Portland is renowned. Improved safety for neighborhoods will be realized by this project.

East Portland Parks Coalition supports this regional project to provide opportunities for East Portland families.

Respectfully,
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East Portland Neighborhood Association Delegate to PDX Advisory Committee

HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 6:03 PM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: Support for 3 STIP-Enhance project applications

From: Dan Jaffee
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 6:02:42 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: Support for 3 STIP-Enhance project applications

Dear ODOT committee:

I am writing to urge you to fund three specific pending applications for STIP-Enhance funding, which I feel will make a major difference in improving bike/pedestrian safety and connectivity in the Portland area:

1) Metro's application for funding for the Willamette Greenway Trail in the Chimney Park/Kelly Point Park area, which would open the St.

Johns Prairie site to the public and fill a critical gap in this trail. I am an active biker and hiker, and I am continually frustrated by the lack of connectivity of the bike/ped trails in Portland, especially North Portland, which has so much potential for longer off-road trails. This project would dramatically increase the connectivity in the area, and provide long-needed linkages, including the Willamette Greenway trail and providing access to a good viewpoint on the former landfill. Thousands of Portland-area bikers and pedestrians will use these new amenities, and it will also be a big step toward completion of the 40-mile Loop.

2) The City of Portland's application for improvements on Columbia/Alderwood/Cully. This is an especially dangerous intersection for bikes, autos, and pedestrians. I use this intersection to go to the airport, and personally have witnessed three near-accidents involving autos and bicycles. This is a desperately needed improvement.

3) The City of Portland's application for the Connected Cully project. I live in a neighborhood adjoining Cully, and our family frequently bikes through Cully. There are major gaps in sidewalks and pavement, and numerous other major impediments to biking and walking through this highly-diverse and low/middle-income neighborhood. I see approving this project as a matter of transportation justice, since Cully has the highest percentage of unpaved roads in the city per square mile.

Please give these 3 projects the highest priority and provide the requesting agencies with all of the requested funding.

I thank you sincerely for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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