

ENHANCE 150% LIST PUBLIC COMMENTS

E61: NE 238TH DR: HALSEY ST TO GLISAN ST
FREIGHT AND MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS
SUPPORTING COMMENTS

HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 4:48 PM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: Support for STIP projects E61, E62 & E87

From: Carol Rulla
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 4:46:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: Support for STIP projects E61, E62 & E87

I am writing in support of STIP Enhance applications:

E61 -- freight & multimodal improvements on NE 238th from Halsey to Glisan. I'm a community member who served on the East Metro Connections Plan Steering Committee, and these improvements are a top priority for East Multnomah County. This particular roadway is the weak link in East County's north-south connections. The limitations of existing roadway (1) force freight traffic onto other connectors that are less appropriate for that type of traffic and (2) create a very unsafe situation for bikes and pedestrians.

E62 -- freight & multimodal improvements on Sandy Blvd. from the Gresham/Fairview city limits to 210th. This is another project supported by East County jurisdictions because it improves freight movement and multimodal safety in a key industrial area for our region.

E87 -- Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit. Improving east-west transit service along the Powell/Division corridor is a high priority project for the Metro region. Metro is just starting a study of transit improvements along this corridor to make sure they meet the needs of the community and funding E87 will allow TriMet to implement the recommended improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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

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Willamette Grnwy Trail: Chimney Park/Kelley Pt Park

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June 21, 2013

Bill Wyatt
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Dear Chair Wyatt:

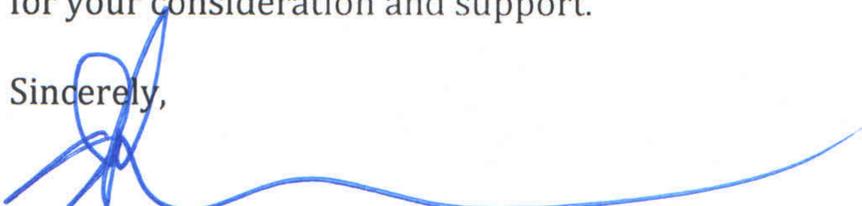
The Governor's Regional Solutions Center (RSC) work at the local level to identify priorities, solve problems and seize opportunities to improve Oregon's economy by working collaboratively with local and regional stakeholders. We integrate state agency work and funding to ensure that regional projects, 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,



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OPPOSING COMMENTS

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