

# **ENHANCE 150% LIST PUBLIC COMMENTS**

E84: BARBUR-99W CORRIDOR SAFETY  
& ACCESS TO TRANSIT  
SUPPORTING COMMENTS



**PROTECTING YOUR  
RIGHT TO ROAM**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee  
c/o Jeff Flowers, Program and Funding Services Manager  
ODOT Region 1  
123 NW Flanders  
Portland, OR 97209

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 – 82<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
123 NW Flanders  
Portland, OR 97209

## 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  
Alan Lehto, TriMet



**Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.**

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June 28, 2013

ODOT Region 1  
STIP Project Selection Committee  
123 NW Flanders  
Portland OR 97210

Re: Barbur-99W Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

To: ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee members:

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) is a coalition of 17 neighborhood associations in SW Portland whose mission is to involve citizens in issues that will improve and maintain livability in SW Portland. Ten of our neighborhoods are within the Barbur/99W corridor.

SWNI strongly supports TriMet's request for an ODOT STIP grant for the Barbur 99W Corridor Safety & Access to Transit project.

Within our community, Barbur Boulevard is a 4 lane major arterial with high traffic speeds and volumes. It is a designated high crash corridor that lacks sidewalks on nearly 50% of the Portland segment. It also lacks basic bus stop amenities; and safe crossings are frequently more than 1800 feet apart, even in busy commercial areas. Despite these deficiencies, Barbur (in the vicinity of the grant application) is served by three bus lines with more than 35,000 weekly riders. Because of high traffic speeds, our transit dependent community members put themselves at risk on a daily basis daily to cross this busy highway.

With predicted future increases in employment and housing in the corridor, transit improvements are needed now to increase walking, bicycling and transit mode share and to build support for future high capacity transit. We urge you to support TriMet's grant application for critically needed improvements to make it safer for people to access transit along Barbur/99W.

Sincerely,

Marianne Fitzgerald  
President  
SW Neighborhoods, Inc.

Cc: Alan Lehto, TriMet  
Roger Averbek, SWNI

## HOPES Christina

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 6:59 AM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** Spencer Barrett  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 6:58:45 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Please fund active transportation projects!

ODOT,

I am an Oak Hills (Beaverton) home owner and FULLY support the trails on the west side. I'm writing to ask that you fully fund all of the Regional/State Trails Projects and Streetscape/Bike/Ped Connectivity Projects on this list:

- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/STIP/DRAFT150EnhanceList-ByType.pdf>

## HOPES Christina

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 12:25 PM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** dgoodyke@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 12:25:12 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 7:07 PM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** Sandy Joos  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 7:06:58 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2013 7:54 AM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Please fund active transportation projects!

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**From:** Nikki Katz  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2013 7:53:52 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Please fund active transportation projects!

I'm writing to ask that you fully fund all of the Regional/State Trails Projects and Streetscape/Bike/Ped Connectivity Projects on this list:

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 6:31 PM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Transportation project funding

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**From:** Olsen, Neil  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 6:31:12 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Transportation project funding

Please fund all of the Regional/State Trails Projects and Streetscape/Bike/Ped Connectivity Projects in Southern Oregon.

-Neil Olsen

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