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E87: POWELL-DIVISION CORRIDOR
SAFETY AND ACCESS TO TRANSIT
SUPPORTING COMMENTS

HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 4:39 PM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: ODOT: PLEASE FUND E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

From: Laura Belson
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 4:39:13 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: ODOT: PLEASE FUND E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

I would like to encourage ODOT to fund the E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit.

Thank you,
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FLOWERS Jeffrey A

From: John Carr [john@carrcopy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 1:19 PM
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety and Access to Transit

Dear ODOT Project Evaluation Committee,

Please fund the above named project (E87). We live in the South Tabor neighborhood on SE 67th Ave. and find that Division as it is currently configured truly lives up to its name, dividing the residential area to the south from the colleges, park, and businesses to the north.

The plan to improve this street will do more than improve transportation to and through the area, it will make life safer for our families and the growing number of students attending Warner Pacific and PCC.

Currently, it is difficult to turn west onto SE Division from the south, or east from the north. It is harrowing to cross on foot -- even at designated crossing areas -- or simply to walk along, as there are no buffers between fast traffic and the sidewalks.

What's more, it's nearly impossible to bike this stretch safely. People do it anyway, though, because it is a natural route for students attending the neighborhood high school (Franklin) and two colleges (WP and PCC) or for people who bike and bus.

We strongly encourage you to fund this project, and we will be paying close attention to your decision. For the cost, this will be an excellent investment in safety and quality of life in a growing part of Portland.

Sincerely,
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FLOWERS Jeffrey A

From: Ben Olsen [bto3805195@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 8:27 PM
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

To whom it may concern:

I strongly encourage ODOT to fund project "E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit." As a resident of the South Tabor neighborhood, I can attest to several significant problems with the current traffic flow on SE Division St. between SE 60th Ave and SE 80th Ave:

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2. The lack of a proper shoulder and/or bicycle lane makes it impossible to safely ride a bicycle along SE Division St. Furthermore, without a buffer between the sidewalk and the traffic lane, the sidewalks are far too dangerous and uncomfortable to use for any length of time. Division Street between 60th and 80th is simply not a safe place for pedestrians.
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Again, I encourage ODOT to fund project "E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit." The safety problems along this stretch are well documented, and have been brought to the attention of the City of Portland for over 40 years. Three public meetings have taken place over the last 8 months, and the neighbors overwhelmingly support the project. The proposed changes are relatively simple and inexpensive, yet they will yield a significant reduction in the number of traffic accidents, and will surely save lives over time. Furthermore, this project will help promote Portland's vision as the pedestrian friendly and progressively livable city it is.

Regards,

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Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

1120 SW 5th Avenue Suite 800
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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

HOPES Christina

From: FLOWERS Jeffrey A
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 8:19 AM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: East Portland transportation projects
Attachments: EPAPletter.ODOT0313.docx

From: rda23@aol.com [mailto:rda23@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 5:17 PM
To: FLOWERS Jeffrey A
Subject: East Portland transportation projects

Mr. Jeffrey Flowers
Oregon Department of Transportation

Please find my attached letter regarding MTIP/STIP transportation projects focusing on East Portland.

Thank you ...

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March 21, 2013

To: Mr. Jeffrey Flowers
Manager, Region One Program and Funding Services
Oregon Dept. of Transportation

Re: MTIP/STIP grants for East Portland

I'm writing in support of grant proposals that are currently going forward through the Metro and State Transportation Improvement Programs .

The two proposals are:

1. From the Active Transportation category, the "Powell/Division Safety and Access to Transit" project, budgeted for \$2.75M in grant support.
2. From the "Regional Economic Opportunity Fund," an \$8.267 allocation for the "East Portland in Motion: Access to Employment and Education" project.

Powell and Division have long been the two key arterials for Southeast Portland, extending from the Willamette River as far east as Gresham (and, really, beyond). Both are classically urban and suburban streets. They each have housing zones, commercial zones and educational centers. Both streets have done yeoman work for more than half a century – an era dominated by passenger cards.

Outer Southeast Portland is changing rapidly: According to the US Census, between 2000 and 2010, the Outer Southeast population of African-Americans tripled, the Latino population doubled and the Asian population increased by more than 80%. The Portland Development Commission and the city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability have embraced the need for change in Outer Southeast by adapting policies designed to provoke the small, one-stop neighborhood clusters known as 20-Minute Neighborhoods.

To propel the district forward, it is crucial that our transportation options mirror this diversity and innovation. While the proposal put forth by TriMet, sadly, does not included an increased level of service, it does streamline operations and accessibility while increasing safety.

In particular, I would call your attention to the plan to improve crossing locations on outer Powell. While the primary traffic load east of 92nd flows to Division, Powell still carries a significant volume of traffic on a roadway designed for what was once a rural, even agricultural

area. As the application submitted by TriMet's Alan Lehto illustrates, pedestrians in Outer Southeast already face hazardous and discouraging conditions due to the region's lack of sidewalks, even on heavily traveled streets such as Powell.

East Portland In Motion is, to borrow a phrase from the Portland Development Commission, a public-private partnership working to devise transportation improvement programs in Outer East Portland. It has embarked on a five-year program to promote active and alternative transportation options.

One of the key considerations is to make these options more accessible and more functional. East Portland, by virtue of its relatively flat terrain and the grid design of its streets, is exceptionally well-suited for the use of alternative forms of transportation. The next crucial step is to enable transportation alternatives to be incorporated into people's daily lives through access to work or school. This is an area where East Portland can set itself apart from much of the city, and continue its growth into an attractive place to be for families and business.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Roger Anthony
East Portland Action Plan member

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HOPES Christina

From: FLOWERS Jeffrey A
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 8:45 AM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: STIP Enhance Projects

From: ROMERO Shelli
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 8:44:55 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: 'jmchasse@q.com'; Linda Robinson
Cc: FLOWERS Jeffrey A; JORDAN Jilayne; BROOKS Kelly S
Subject: RE: STIP Enhance Projects

Jim: Thanks for the note..

I am sharing your feedback with the right ODOT folks here in Region 1. Hope you are well, Shelli

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From: jmchasse@q.com [mailto:jmchasse@q.com]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 6:03 AM
To: Linda Robinson
Cc: ROMERO Shelli
Subject: STIP Enhance Projects

Linda,

I've been unable to post these comments on the ODOT web site due to a technical glitch, or my computer incompetence. would you post the following;

ODOT Region 1
123 NW Flanders

To whom it may concern,

The East Portland Action Plan bike subcommittee (EPAPbike) endorses the following STIP projects;

E87- Powell/Division Safety Access To Transit
E33- Sullivan's Gulch Trail Undercrossing of I-205

5/31/2013

E29- Foster Road Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project

The above projects are listed in the East Portland In Motion Plan, The East Portland Action Plan, The Bike Master Plan for 2030, or will greatly improve bike/ped safety with their completion.
Thank you for your consideration of these projects to the 150% list.

Regards,
Jim Chasse
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HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:26 AM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

From: andrewg@collegenet.com
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:25:27 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

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Sincerely,

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MOUNT-TABOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 24, 2013

Portland Bureau of Transportation
High Crash Corridor Program
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Dear Sir or Madame:

The Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association, on May 15, 2013, voted unanimously to support the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) application for grant funding for safety improvements on S.E. Division St. between SE 60th and SE 80th Avenues.

S.E. Division St. is the southern border of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood. For decades, the configuration of S.E. Division between 60th and 80th has encouraged speeding by cars and led to a high level of accidents on the street. It has created a dangerous and intimidating environment for pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and others users.

Over the past year, PBOT has partnered with the MTNA and S. Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA) and other community groups to design and implement an extensive and very collaborative community involvement process. Over a number of different meetings, community members discussed the many different users and uses of Division St., the types of safety problems, and possible solutions. The current proposal to reconfigure the lanes and to install safety improvements is well understood and has strong support in our community.

We believe this project significantly will improve safety and the quality of life for our neighborhood and for other people living and travelling through this part of southeast Portland.

The MTNA strongly supports PBOT's application for grant funding to help implement this important community safety project.

Sincerely,



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From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 8:27 PM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

From: Ben Olsen
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 8:27:12 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: E87 Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit

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FLOWERS Jeffrey A

From: Remodeling NW [remodelingnw@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 5:04 PM

To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1

Subject: Division st

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Sincerely,

Steve Brown

Sent from my iPhone

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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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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HOPES Christina

From: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:33 AM
To: HOPES Christina
Subject: FW: against Powell and Division Corridor (Project #E87)

From: Parker Michael Knight
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:30:03 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: STIP Enhance Apps Region1
Subject: against Powell and Division Corridor (Project #E87)

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