



East Portland Action Plan

April 25, 2018

RE: 82nd Avenue - 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Dear Metro Council and Oregon Transportation Commission:

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) is a City of Portland and Multnomah County adopted plan that represents 20% percent of the city's land area, 28 percent of the city's population and 40 percent of the city's school aged children, significant racial/ethnic/language diversity (schools with over 50% native language other than English), and has high rates of poverty (schools with 90% free or reduced lunch). We are tasked with providing input on policy issues and decisions that impact East Portland.

In furtherance of our task, we are writing to urge you to include 82nd Avenue in your list of projects to be included in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. This is in accordance with the following East Portland Action Plan items:

T.6.5 Institute policy and develop plan to provide accessible transportation options (sidewalks, streets, connections) for people with physical disabilities.

T.7.3 Prioritize transportation safety improvements at high-crash intersections

The Mayor and all four Commissioners of the City of Portland, a Multnomah County Commissioner and five members of the Oregon Legislature recently wrote to you that 82nd Avenue is one of our "most important and dangerous streets." They expressly noted the numbers of historically marginalized communities living in the corridor and stated that continued avoidance of a comprehensive safety solution is "one of the biggest equity issues in our region."

We strongly agree.

82nd Avenue is an "orphan highway" for a reason. It has been long neglected by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) even as it has become one of the most dangerous high crash corridors in the City of Portland. 82nd Avenue has become so dangerous due to the rapid increase in the number of people living, working, and traveling along it.

We urge the Oregon Transportation Commission to direct ODOT to show leadership and a commitment to the safety of the community along 82nd Avenue by adding 82nd Avenue to its list of projects for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Updates.

Further, we join with our local elected leaders in calling for a project that meets the City's Vision Zero goals, envisions and funds a full upgrade to City standards and facilitates a transfer of ownership of 82nd Avenue from ODOT to the City of Portland.

Respectfully,

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On Behalf of the East Portland Action Plan

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