

RESOLUTION No. 36917 As Amended

Adopt the East Portland in Motion Five-Year Implementation Strategy for Active Transportation Final Report. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, East Portland has some of the fastest growing neighborhoods in the city, is accommodating a large number of economically disadvantaged households, has a higher proportion of elders and children than other parts of the city, and is a community that stands to benefit from an increase in opportunities for active transportation such as walking, bicycling, and taking transit; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that make active transportation attractive are harder to find in East Portland than in other parts of the city, because East Portland has greater discontinuity of the street network, more arterial streets without sidewalks, and fewer low-stress bicycle facilities; and crossing the arterial streets is more challenging; and

WHEREAS, despite these challenges, East Portland has an active transportation framework that is well positioned for enhancement, with three light rail lines, two of the region's highest ridership bus lines, and twenty-four miles of paved multi-use trails; and

WHEREAS, in February 2009, the Council adopted the East Portland Action Plan by Resolution No. 36882, which "is designed to identify gaps in policies, services and improvements in the area and identify opportunities to address these gaps while complementing existing efforts" through its 268 Action Items; and

WHEREAS, the adopted February 2009 East Portland Action Plan generally calls for improved transit service throughout East Portland (T1), increased safety and convenience of walking throughout East Portland (T2), increase safety and accessibility of bicycling in East Portland (T3), improve safety and multi-modal function of arterial and collector streets throughout East Portland (T4), improve connectivity throughout East Portland (T6), and to foster equity in transportation decisions and services (T7); and

WHEREAS, the adopted February 2009 East Portland Action Plan specifically calls for certain pedestrian improvements: (T.1.7) Expand City of Portland and TriMet partnership linking sidewalk improvements with transit stop improvements; (T.2.1) prioritize East Portland schools for Safe Routes to School sidewalk and crossing improvements; (T.2.2) study, identify and scope funding for pedestrian crossing safety improvements on Glisan, Halsey, Stark, Division, 122nd, and Foster; (T.2.4) review policy: prioritize adding sidewalk connections over expanding/widening existing connections; and (T.6.5) institute policy and develop plan to provide accessible transportation options (sidewalks, streets, connections) for people with physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the adopted February 2009 East Portland Action Plan specifically calls for certain bicycle improvements: (T.3.1) install striped bike lanes on all major arterials throughout East Portland, prioritize areas with gaps in the bike network; (T.3.3) develop complete and more well-defined bike system plan for East Portland, consider/incorporate safety innovations such as divided

bike lanes, bike boxes, and path systems; and (T.3.6) assess bike safety issues in key areas such as Mall 205, Lents, and Division Street, and implement improvements; and

WHEREAS, the adopted February 2009 East Portland Action Plan specifically calls for certain arterial safety improvements: (T.4.1) identify and implement low cost/high impact maintenance improvements on SE Powell Boulevard; (T.4.2) implement Powell Boulevard Safety Improvements: 122nd Avenue to 136th Avenue; (T.4.8) Implement 122nd Avenue Safety Improvements at high crash intersections; and (T.4.9) implement Sandy Boulevard Safety Improvements: 122nd Avenue to 141st Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the adopted February 2009 East Portland Action Plan specifically calls for certain equity improvements in decision-making: (T.7.1) prioritize East Portland schools in 'safer routes to school' funding and implementation; (T.7.2) identify and prioritize East Portland street improvement projects; (T.7.3) prioritize transportation safety improvements at high-crash intersections; and (T.7.5) engage Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Elders in Action and Willamette Pedestrian Coalition in advocating for East Portland safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2009, Council adopted the Joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan 2009 by Resolution No. 36748, establishing a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions forty percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and eighty percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and increasing reliance on active transportation contributes to meeting these climate action goals; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 with Resolution 36763, in February, 2010, the Council directed the Bureau of Transportation to work with neighbors and businesses in East Portland in 2010/2011 to develop a five-year East Portland Infrastructure Implementation Action Plan to include capital projects with integrated education and encouragement activities to ensure high levels of bicycle use by a diverse group of Portland Residents; and

WHEREAS, the Sidewalk Infill on Arterials project, funded through revenues generated by the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009, identified East Portland as one of two areas for implementation of sidewalk infill projects; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to Schools Program is active in twenty-five schools in East Portland and has identified numerous projects to improve safe access to schools in East Portland; and

WHEREAS, the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant received by Multnomah County from the US Dept of Health and Human Services included funding for a project by the Portland Bureau of Transportation to 'Adopt an East Portland Active Transportation Implementation Plan' that helped fund development of the East Portland in Motion Implementation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, developing a five-year implementation strategy for active transportation projects in East Portland directly supports the draft Portland Plan Goal of a Healthy, Connected City and related 2035 Objectives, and supplements the Five-Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy multiple objectives related to these opportunities and directives, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, beginning in the fall of 2010, undertook to formulate a five-year strategy for implementing active transportation projects to improve conditions for walking, bicycling and taking transit in the study area east of 82nd Avenue within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, to guide community involvement and assess community needs, the project team and its partners developed a philosophy of going to people where they are, extended this into a broad variety of activities, tabled or presented at more than a dozen community events, administered a mail-out survey regarding transportation preferences to 3,000 representative households, performed site observations, and conducted individual and group interviews with a diverse range of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the East Portland Land Use and Transportation Committee and the East Portland Action Plan Bicycle Subcommittee served as ad hoc advisors to the process of developing the implementation strategy, contributing hundreds of person-hours of volunteer effort; and have professed a willingness to continue to work with the City and partners to build community consensus; and

WHEREAS, several agencies, organizations and groups were responsive and helpful with advice and connections throughout the development of an implementation strategy, including the Portland State University Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program and the students of the Methods I and II classes; the Portland State University Geography Department, the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, and the students of the 'PSU GIS Jam'; the Equity in Active Transportation (EAT) Committee headed by the Community Cycling Center; the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO); OPAL Bus Riders Unite; Human Solutions; the Gateway Area Business Association; the East Portland Exposition (EPO XPO), the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, the Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, Portland Parks & Recreation, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Port of Portland, TriMet, and Metro; and

WHEREAS, the product of the community needs assessment and subsequent analysis efforts was a draft East Portland in Motion report that recommends priority projects and programs from existing adopted plans to be implemented over five years with expected funding, in order to most cost-effectively provide network connectivity and improve community access to opportunities for active transportation for the greatest number of East Portland residents; and

WHEREAS, the draft East Portland in Motion report was distributed for public review in September, 2011, and comments were accepted until November 10, 2011; and the public feedback informed the East Portland in Motion Final Report; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill a commitment to the East Portland community, the Portland Bureau of Transportation did not pause in implementing active transportation projects while developing the East Portland in Motion strategy, but proceeded with implementation, and continues to implement, active transportation projects in East Portland; and

WHEREAS, the implementation strategy embodied in this report represents a solid start to creating an active transportation network in East Portland, by creating the scaffold for a low-stress bikeway network, by filling six miles of gaps in arterial sidewalks, and by providing improved access to the existing transit network; but leaves many deficiencies still to be remedied in the future, including miles of additional sidewalk gaps, substandard streets, and a transit network that is insufficient to the present and future needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland adopts the East Portland in Motion Five-Year Implementation Strategy for Active Transportation Final Report attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs the Bureau of Transportation to continue to implement the recommended projects and programs in the implementation matrix of the report, as funding becomes available.

Adopted by the Council, APR 18 2012

Mayor Sam Adams

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Date Prepared: April 6, 2012

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND

By



Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: MAYOR SAM ADAMS <i>K. Williams on behalf of Mayor Adams</i> COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Bureau of Transportation Group Manager: Greg Jones Development & Capital Program Other Prepared by: Ellen Vanderslice:slg Date Prepared: April 6, 2012 <i>EVPL</i> Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Meeting Date April 18, 2012 City Attorney Approval	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 13 2012</u> LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy ACTION TAKEN:
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