

"UP OUT OF THE MUD" PROGRAM

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November 29, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams and members of the Portland City Council
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Street by Street "Out of the Mud" Initiative

Southwest Portland has many miles of unimproved or substandard streets that could potentially benefit from the proposed Street by Street "Out of the Mud" Initiative.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. supports the design concepts in the Street by Street Initiative with the following provisions:

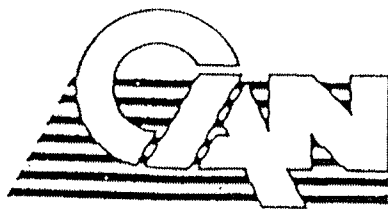
1. That all streets improved under the standards in this initiative, and all currently existing streets with similar levels of improvement, be maintained at the standards currently required for sidewalks. The rationale for this request is that cyclists, pedestrians, and those with disabilities will have no other choice but to use these streets; and
2. That all streets improved under the standards of this initiative, and all currently existing streets with similar levels of improvement, have their speed limit set at 15 miles per hour and that traffic calming measures be utilized to assure that vehicles actually observe that limit.

We hope the inherent flexibility within the program will facilitate the improvement of our local streets. These improvements will enhance the safety and livability of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Marianne Fitzgerald
President, Southwest Neighborhoods

cc: Mayor-elect Charlie Hales
Commissioner-elect Steve Novick
Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade
PBOT Director Tom Miller
PBOT Staff Christine Leon and Rich Newlands



CULLY ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS

Date November 25, 2012
TO: Members of the Portland City Council
FROM: Cully Association of Neighbors
SUBJECT: Street by Street Initiative

The Cully Association of Neighbors supports and endorses the proposed *Street by Street Initiative*, under consideration for adoption by the City Council on November 29, 2012.

As a neighborhood with among the City's highest concentration of dirt and gravel streets, which impacts our livability and safety, we recognize that new tools are needed to more quickly tackle dirt and gravel streets. The two new design standards, Shared Residential Street design and Separated Residential Street design, will help in this regard by significantly reducing the cost of basic improvements through the Local Improvement District Program.

The Cully Association of Neighbors also supports the proposed change to the Oregon Vehicle Code needed to allow the Shared Residential Street to succeed.

In addition, we support the continued efforts by the Bureau of Transportation to refine the entire process for improving dirt and gravel streets to make it more affordable, easier and efficient for neighborhoods to form Local Improvement Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy Fuerstenau'.

Kathy Fuerstenau, Chairwoman
Cully Association of Neighbors

East Portland Land Use & Transportation Committee

November 26, 2012

Christine Leon, P.E.
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RE: Street by Street Initiative

We wish to express our support for continuation of the Street by Street Initiative to begin to deal with issues surrounding street infill and design differences throughout Portland.

We understand that this proposal is the first step in a much broader attempt to find ways to provide safe streets and pedestrian areas throughout the City. The first step in the effort is to provide a new street classification called a "shared use street", using a different design for certain streets within the city that are unlikely to ever meet the single standard currently used. That current single standard makes future street needs almost impossible to meet in East Portland and we look forward to eliminating this inequity by considering a variety of ways to reach an adequate level of this urban service we were promised by annexation more than 25 years ago.

In East Portland, the increased densities in the area have made it essential to recognize the need for new options in street design, regulatory framework, funding methods, speed reducing engineering design, safe pedestrian ways, and use of materials with reduced maintenance cost. We expect these items will be included as the infill street discussion goes forward.

The East Portland Neighborhood Associations Land Use and Transportation Committee has worked with very limited tools on surface transportation issues for years. It is clear a single standard street system does not respond well to our needs or those of other areas of the city where geographical or economic needs requiring a different approach.

We support Street by Street as a beginning for those broader community discussions. The EPNA Land Use and Transportation Committee looks forward to working with you and your bureau to find new answers to maximize further public investment for infill streets and the public right-of-way.

Sincerely,

Linda Bauer, Chair
EPNA Land Use and Transportation Committee

Joined by:

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Parsons, Susan

From: Bertelsen, April (PDOT)
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 8:03 PM
To: City Elected Officials; Leon, Christine; Newlands, Rich; Parsons, Susan; Moore-Love, Karla
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Subject: PAC letter supporting Street By Street - Up Out of the Mud
Attachments: Street by Street_PAC Letter_FINAL_11-21-12.pdf

Greetings Mayor Sam Adams, City Commissioners and City staff,

The Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) has written a letter supporting the design concepts from the "Up Out of the Mud" Street by Street Initiative before City Council on November 29, 2012.

I am sending this letter to you on their behalf, as staff support to the PAC. I have copied PAC members and included other staff they ask to be copied in the letter. Please share further as you deem appropriate.

Karla Moore-Love and Sue Parsons,
Please accept this letter into the public record as their written testimony.



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Best regards,

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November 21, 2012

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Re: Street By Street (Out of the Mud) Initiative

To Mayor Sam Adams and members of City Council,

The Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) supports the design concepts from the "Street by Street Initiative" going before City Council. During the process to develop this proposal, PBOT staff worked with the PAC to find solutions that address our concerns with the initial alternatives—from equity to accessibility and urban design.

PAC support of the initiative is based on inclusion of the following elements:

- The City pursues Shared Roadway legislation as a legislative priority in the 2013 Oregon Legislative Session. Such legislation shall amend the Oregon Vehicle Code to allow pedestrians in the roadway on slow, low-volume, narrow residential streets. Such amendments will allow pedestrians to legally walk in the entire roadway, on either side, as is intended in the Shared Street design concept.
- Streets that qualify to be built as "Shared Streets" shall be traffic calmed and regulated at speeds of 15 miles per hour or less, to make them safer for pedestrians, including children, seniors and persons with limited mobility.

A closely related concern is vegetation management along these Shared Streets. On streets without sidewalks, where pedestrians will need to walk on the shoulders, it is critical to apply the same rules regarding vegetation encroachment into the pedestrian right-of-way as apply to sidewalks. If pedestrians are to walk on shoulders, those shoulders need to be both accessible and safe, and hence free of encroaching vegetation.

The PAC is therefore encouraged that PBOT plans next year to be updating the right-of-way encroachment administrative rules for shoulders on streets without sidewalks.

This is an important development with many details and procedures yet to be determined. Therefore, we ask that the PAC be involved in the evolution of this concept and initiative until complete. These standards should also be incorporated into the Pedestrian Design Guide.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input. We appreciate your time and consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

David Aulwes
Chair, Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

CC: Christine Leon, PBOT
Rich Newlands, PBOT