



# **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

January 30, 2013

TO:Commissioner Nick FishFROM:Mike Abbaté, DirectorRE:Accept the Report on the I-205 Initiative

75% of Portlanders can walk to a park or natural area in 15 minutes or less. Many of these parks have features like ball fields, playgrounds, walking paths, picnic areas, and more. East of I-205, it's a different story. Because East Portland was incorporated into the city fairly recently, the area lacks the rich history of park development that other parts of the city enjoy.

East Portland is growing. Today, 40% of families with children are living in this area and demand for equitable amenities is high. New parks can cost tens of millions of dollars to fully develop. In this economy, that's not realistic. A future bond measure could fund the development of East Portland parks and natural areas, but that doesn't help the families who want to use their neighborhood park today. In 2011, the City Council provided \$500,000 to carry out the goals of the E205 initiative. This special appropriation allowed the Parks Team to make park improvements that had a big impact in East Portland.

We recommend that Council accept the report.

Mike Abbaté Director, Portland Parks & Recreation

## **TO THE COUNCIL**

The Commissioner of Public Works concurs with the recommendations of the Director of Portland Parks & Recreation and

### **RECOMMENDS:**

That the Council accept the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Fish Commissioner of Public Works

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Sustaining a healthy park and recreation system to make Portland a great place to live, work and play

### Agenda No. REPORT NO. Title

Accept report on the E-205 Initiative, (Report)					
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INTRODUCED BY	CLERK USE: DATE FILED JAN 2 5 2013				
Commissioner/Auditor: Nick Fish					
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	LaVonne Griffin-Valade				
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales	Auditor of the City of Portland				
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz					
Position 2Works - Fish Via X -	By: Deputy				
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	Deputy				
Position 4/Safety - Novick	ACTION TAKEN:				
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Portland Parks & Recreation	JAN 30 2013 ACCEPTED				
Bureau Head: Mike Abbaté	AUCHTED				
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Prepared by: Date Prepared:					
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement					
Involvement Statement					
Council Meeting Date January 30, 2013					
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan					

#### AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN Start time: 9:30

Total amount of time needed: <u>20 min.</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR Total amount of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	$\checkmark$	
2. Fish	2. Fish	$\checkmark$	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	$\checkmark$	
4. Novick	4. Novick	$\checkmark$	
Hales	Hales	$\checkmark$	