

Testimony before City of Portland Commission, Kathryn Harrington, Wednesday May 29, 2013

Good Morning.

My name is Kathryn Harrington. While I am an elected member of the Metro Council, your regional government, I am here today speaking as an individual.

I come before you as a motorist, to say "Thank You!"

I live in the City of Beaverton. Generally, I commute by car into the City of Portland, to the Metro building on Grand Avenue three days a week, Tuesday through Thursday.

Yes I am a Motorist!

I am very thankful for the investments that the City of Portland has made in solutions that make me feel safe and comfortable as a motorist. Specifically, solutions that make people riding bicycles more visible, and those that make people walking more visible. Green boxes, Bicycle lanes, Boulevards, Bicycle signals, Sharrows, Walk lights, Cross walks, Synchronized traffic lights – each of these solutions contributes to an environment that feels safe and comfortable for all users – including me, the Motorist! So Thank You!

I realize that budget decisions are community investment decisions. I applaud your determined efforts to provide travel choices through a network of walking, bicycling and vehicular facilities. These investments serve the largest number of people possible so that we can each feel safe and comfortable as we take care of our individual everyday needs, for work, for pleasure, for living.

As a policy maker, I would like to also acknowledge the leadership that you provide to your colleagues through-out our metropolitan region, through your active participation at regional tables as well as through the deployment of your staff expertise. Examples include the development of the regional Southwest Corridor Plan and the development of region's first-ever Active Transportation plan – soon to be completed. That plan offers to us new strategies, policy considerations, and project priorities to address the need for a regional network of pedestrian corridors & a regional network of bicycle corridors that each might actually satisfy the demand. I would like to encourage you to stay engaged in these important efforts as well as with other major regional policy development and planning programs. We need you.

Once again, I'm here today to say 'Thank you!'

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Subject: Overview of my comments for City of Portland Commission on May 29th

Hello Susan.

With help from my policy coordinator, Ramona Perrault, it looks like I am scheduled to provide citizen comment to the City of Portland Commission on May 29th at 9:30 AM. Briefly, I intend to thank the City of Portland and its Commission for your determined efforts to provide transportation choice through a vibrant network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. (As a motorist who lives in Beaverton and works 3 days a week in Portland, I feel safer and more comfortable as a motorist due to the investments the City of Portland has made in walking and bicycling solutions.) If there is time, I might also speak about latest work in the region (Active Transportation plan – offering new strategies, policy considerations, project priorities) to address the need for a regional network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and encourage them to be involved in this important effort, as it moves forward through local transportation system plans and the update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP update.)

Thank you.

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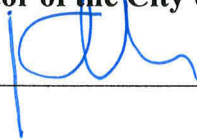
Request of Kathryn Harrington to address Council to thank the City and
Commission for efforts to provide a network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
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