

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Transmit East Portland Action Plan 2017 annual presentation. (Report)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

- East Portland Action Plan was charged to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability in East Portland.
- The annual presentation from the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) group reports on progress made toward EPAP's Strategic Priorities and Involuntary Displacement Prevention Recommendations for East Portland and to provide guidance to City Council on how to support implementation of these elements of the Action Plan.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- The City of Portland has committed to ongoing funding for East Portland Action Plan advocacy.
- EPAP is NOT seeking a budget amendment, expense change, change in revenue, staffing level change, or financial agreement.
- EPAP annually organizes a participatory budgeting process to establish year's spending allocations.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The City of Portland and the East Portland community benefit from the progress made toward implementation of the Action Plan. Application of city funds and resources are significantly leveraged by the advocacy capacity developed through involvement with the EPAP. The EPAP group's focus on the Action Plan, dedication to their charge, representation of our diverse community, and consensus-based collaborative approach significantly enhances the City's ability to make informed and respectful decisions. This dedication keeps the Action Plan alive and focuses attention on East Portland.

East Portland is 20% of the land mass of the City of Portland and has over 26% of the City's population and 40% of the City's students. East Portland has significant diversity (schools average over 50% first language other than English) and high rates of poverty (schools with 92% free or reduced lunch). There is an increasing demand to respond to the needs of East Portland's under-resourced, under-supported, and economically disadvantaged community members with race, ethnic, cultural, and language-specific policies, education, and services. EPAP is working toward inclusive empowerment of those too often not involved in decision making.

This past year, EPAP active participation and consensus decision making has involved representation of the following identity elements: Chinese, Iraqi, Bhutanese, Burmese/ Myanmar,

Karen, Zomi, Vietnamese, Pacific Islander, Tongan, small business, Business Association, Laotian, Thai, Japanese, Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Mexican American, faith, environmental justice, unemployed, Native American/Indian, Oromo, African American/Black, Somali, Neighborhood Association, Slavic/Russian speaking, school/education/learning community, Lesbian/Gay/Bi-sexual/Transsexual/Questioning/Queer, food equity, Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative, social service, park activist, physically disabled/differently-abled, youth, elder/senior, urban renewal, developmentally disabled/differently-abled, housing, social change, health, City/County/METRO/TriMet/State government, bike, pedestrian, tenant, homeowner, displaced, houseless/homeless, and arts communities.

Every EPAP meeting offered language interpretation, translation, childcare, amplification, healthy-local-sourced-small business food, and was held in mobility accessible locations. Transportation accommodation was made available upon request.

All meetings are open to the public and consensus-based active participation is encouraged. Those who choose to sign a Participation Agreement, after attending two general EPAP meetings, work through consensus to reconcile and build upon the work of the ten (10) work committees and twenty-six (26) EPAP issue-based Representatives at our general meeting which averages 55 diverse community members. Participation is based on the City adopted Action Plan, and is interest and activist directed.

The Action Plan is an intersectional document designed to promote equity for the under-supported/resourced area identified as East Portland and too often under-represented peoples living in this area. Significant progress is being made in the partnership with EPAP and the City of Portland. We are not aware of any significant objections/concerns engendered by this presentation. We are coming before City Council to demonstrate the benefit of supporting a strength-based community process that is empowered to work with City Council to develop support/agreement in building a just/fair/equitable City.

East Portland Action Plan members will be presenting the work they have been doing with a focus on Civic Engagement, Economic Development, Housing, Parks, and Transportation through a lens of Equity and Emergency Preparedness.

### **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount