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**Subject:** TSP comments and accessibility

Members of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission:

Thank you for providing the extra time to submit comments on the Transportation Systems Plan, and thank you (staff) for the links to documents such as the staff response to comments. A lot of meaningful comments have been considered in this major update of the TSP. I just want to reiterate my concerns about the use of the term "accessible" in the TSP since I am very concerned it may have very negative impacts on people in community who are mobility challenged.

The TSP glossary defines the term "accessibility" as "the ability to move easily from one type of transportation mode to another mode or to a destination. Accessibility increases when the number and quality of travel choices increases. Accessibility is affected by the mix of land uses and travel alternatives available." There is nothing in the definitions that refers to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

There are three policies that refer to people with mobility challenges: Policy 3.19, 9.9 and 9.19.

As I noted in my comments (staff response to comments, p. 42), there are several TSP objectives that are ambiguous in that "accessible" could be interpreted either way. TSP Transit Classifications in Stage 3 could also be interpreted either way.

Staff's response is that these terms are not under review.

I am sorry I did not comment on this concern earlier. But I am even sorrier that according to current language in the TSP chapter on Urban Form, residents in Western and Eastern Neighborhoods with the most deficiencies in transportation infrastructure could have transportation infrastructure built that is not accessible to people of all ages and abilities because of this ambiguity. This will not serve the underserved in our community nor make it possible for mobility challenged people to access transit in many areas of the city.

Since the PSC allowed this additional time to comment, I hope you share my concerns and will revisit the use of the term "accessible" throughout the TSP to create a transportation system that serves everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

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