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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **24th DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3.

Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone and the City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the City's YouTube Channel, eGov PDX, www.portlandoregon.gov/video and Channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to Council by emailing the Council Clerk at cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

The Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the City's business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keelan McClymont, Acting Clerk of the Council; Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney

**Due to the absence of a Council member
and Commissioner Position No. 2 being vacant
emergency items will not be considered
and items will not be heard under a Consent Agenda**

COMMUNICATIONS

495 Request of Donna Cohen to address Council regarding St Johns Truck Strategy, Phase II, Project (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

TIMES CERTAIN

496 **TIME CERTAIN: 9:35 AM** – Appoint Serena Stoudamire Wesley and reappoint Francesca Gambetti and Peter Platt to the Prosper Portland Board (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz.
(Y-3)

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| <p>497 TIME CERTAIN: 9:50 AM – Authorize \$1,623,850 for grant agreements to be divided among the five non-profit neighborhood District Coalitions to support Neighborhood Associations and community engagement activities from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 45 minutes requested for 497-498</p> | <p>RESCHEDULED TO JULY 9, 2020 AT 3:30 PM TIME CERTAIN</p> |
| <p>498 Authorize \$851,646 for grant agreements with Center for Intercultural Organizing-Unite Oregon; Latino Network; Immigrant Refugee Community Organization; Native American Youth and Family Center; Momentum Alliance; and Urban League of Portland for the Diversity and Civic Leadership Organizing Project for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)</p> | <p>RESCHEDULED TO JULY 9, 2020 AT 3:30 PM TIME CERTAIN</p> |
| <p>REGULAR AGENDA Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> | |
| <p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p> | |
| <p>499 Authorize grant agreement up to \$73,000 to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. to provide outreach, technical assistance and community involvement for watershed projects in westside sub-watersheds (Second Reading Agenda 467)</p> | <p>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</p> |
| <p>Bureau of Planning & Sustainability</p> | |
| <p>500 Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept an additional \$80,000 and extend the expiration date for administration of the Master Recycler Program (Second Reading Agenda 472; amend Contract No. 30003529) (Y-3)</p> | <p>190014</p> |
| <p>Office of Management and Finance</p> | |
| <p>501 Authorize revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide not more than \$11 million to finance the Integrated Tax System project (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested</p> | <p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 1, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p> |
| <p>502 Authorize a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Pipe Condition and Risk Assessment Program for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000 (Second Reading Agenda 482; authorize Contract No. 30007311) (Y-3)</p> | <p>190015</p> |
| <p>Portland Housing Bureau</p> | |
| <p>503 Adopt and authorize the submission of the Action Plan fiscal year 2020-21, for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested</p> | <p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 1, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p> |
| <p>Parks & Recreation</p> | |

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| <p>504 Approve the designation of thirteen trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from one tree (Second Reading Agenda 490) (Y-3)</p> | <p>190016</p> |
| <p>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly Community and Civic Life</p> | |
| <p>505 Increase fee schedule for the Office of Community & Civic Life Noise Program for noise variance applications in the amount of 5% as permitted by Code Section 18.14.020 B. (Previous Agenda 449) 15 minutes requested</p> | <p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 1, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p> |
| <p>Bureau of Transportation</p> | |
| <p>506 Amend Street Access Code and Transportation Administrative Rules to align with changes to the Residential Infill Project (Second Reading 493; amend Code Section 17.88.090 and TRN-1.26) (Y-3)</p> | <p>190017</p> |

At 10:13 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **24th DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keelan McClymont, Acting Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney

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| <p>507 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Proclaim the City of Portland a place that does not tolerate xenophobia by condemning the rise in hate crimes, attacks, and attitudes against Asian American and Asian Pacific Islander Communities due to the racist manipulation and polarization of the COVID-19 crisis (Previous Agenda 412; Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly) 45 minutes requested for 507-508</p> | <p>PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>508 Accept report of the New Portlanders Policy Commission COVID-19 (Previous Agenda 413; Report introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) Motion to accept the report: Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz. (Y-3)</p> | <p>ACCEPTED</p> |

At 3:10 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **25TH DAY OF JUNE 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3.

Commissioner Eudaly arrived at 2:01 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keelan McClymont, Acting Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney

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| <p>509 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Report on recent work from the City Auditor: Follow-up reporting; Cannabis Program; Lents Urban Renewal (Report introduced by Auditor Hull Caballero) 45 minutes requested</p> <p>No vote taken.</p> | <p>PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>510 TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM – Document City Council support for the Get Moving regional transportation funding measure and commitment to enter into legally binding agreements to implement following a successful passage of the regional funding measure (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 90 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept substitute Exhibit A: Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3) (Y-3)</p> | <p>37493 As Amended</p> |

At 4:07 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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9:30 AM

Wheeler: Everyone, this is the wednesday, june 24th, morning session of the Portland city council. Karla, good morning. Please call the roll. [roll taken]

McClymont: Good morning, it's keelen.

Wheeler: Oh, sorry. And commissioner hardesty has an excused absence today.

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Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney: Good morning. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first reading of ordinances. The published council agenda is at Portlandoregon.gov/auditor, and contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Very good. Karla, first up is communications. Please read item 495
ITEM 495.

McClymont: This communication has withdrawn their request today.

Wheeler: I am sorry, can you repeat that?

McClymont: Donna cohen has withdrawn her request.

Wheeler: All right, very good. We are a couple minutes early before the first time certain, and we have no consent agenda. Could you please read item 500.

ITEM 500

McClymont: Item 500

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading of a non-emergency ordinance. We have already heard both the presentation as well as the public testimony on this item. Is there anything else anybody would like to ask about this particular item before we call the roll? Hearing none, please call the roll.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. And I have stalled long enough that it is now 9:35. Can we please read item number 496.

ITEM 496

McClymont: Item 496

Wheeler: Colleagues, today I am pleased to announce my recommendations -- my recommendation to nominate serena stoudamire wesley to serve on the -- serve the remainder of the term of dr. Alicia moreland capua, who is moving to massachusetts with her family after four years of service on the prosper Portland board. As you can see from her bio and statement of interests, serena is a Portland native, and she has had a very distinguished career in community engagement and education. She currently serves as the youth development director at the Oregon department of education. Today I am also nominating to renew the three-year term of francesca gambetti and peter platt, who both served on the prosper Portland board. I would like to ask francesca and peter and serena to say a few words. Serena, where are you? Let's see -- there you are. You are over to the left, good morning.

Serena Stoudamire Wesley: Good morning, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to finish out alicia's term. It is really an honor to do that, and I am very excited about working with prosper Portland and you all. I look forward to the great work that we have ahead of us.

Wheeler: Thank you, serena. We appreciate your willingness to step forward. Francesca, good morning.

Francesca Gambetti: Hi, my mute button. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity. It's been a real honor to serve on this board for the past few years. I think prosper is doing such important and impactful work to help bring an end to systemic racism and build an equitable economy. I am so impressed with the leadership and the incredibly talented staff, and the real commitment that the organization has demonstrated in using urban renewal and other resources to make positive and lasting change in our community. So I am really looking forward to another term, and I am excited by the opportunity to serve alongside miss serena stoudamire wesley.

Wheeler: We appreciate you are stepping forward, as well. And peter, last but not least.

Peter Platt: Yes. Good morning.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Platt: Hi. Thank you, again, for being reconsidered and reappointed to this important roll. I think the impacts of the covid pandemic and the ongoing protests and demonstrations against institutionalized racism have revealed to all of us the true scope of inequities in our society and the degree to which all the institutions like prosper have a big role to play in continuing to repair, build, and strengthen trust within our communities and stakeholders in order to fulfill the equity focused mission. So I am very honored and pleased to be able to help out with that. Again, as I stated three years before, my focus will continue to be to listen to is the voices from our communities of culture within our hard hit, yet still fighting small business community, and continue to focus on job creation and sustenance at the economic level [inaudible] and are essential to help underwrite creation of wealth and stability, particularly, in our lower income communities. So, I comment the staff at prosper Portland for their dedication, professionalism, and talent. I think that they are exceptional group of people, and I am happy to work with them. Welcome, commissioner serena stoudamire wesley to the team. I look forward to working with you, as well, and thank you again for the opportunity.

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Wheeler: Thank you, peter. We appreciate it. We appreciate your continued service, as well. Colleagues, any follow-up or questions or thoughts for our three nominees? I will entertain a motion and second.

Eudaly: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly moves the report. Commissioner Fritz seconds the report. Karla, please -- or keelen, sorry, good morning. Please call the roll.

Eudaly: Well, thank you, everyone, for your willingness to serve. I vote aye.

Fritz: Well, first, thank you to dr. Alicia moreland capua for her service. She's deny an outstanding job not only at prosper Portland, but also in our community, and I am sorry to hear that she is moving elsewhere, but I am sure -- I hope that she will be back, and I know that she will represent Portland well wherever she goes, and thank you very much, serena and francesca and peter for your willingness to serve. This is a huge commitment of time, and it is also really important. It's wonderful that you are willing to dedicate yourselves to continuing the work of making prosper a more equitable and progressive organization, and under the director's leadership. Thank you each one. Aye.

Wheeler: I am very excited about these nominees, and I appreciate your willingness to step forward. Serena, welcome, and francesca and peter, thank you again, and I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to dr. Alicia moreland capua, who has done a fantastic job in her capacity. Oregon's loss is massachusetts's gain. And we so appreciate everything that she has done. We know that the current nominees are going to continue that outstanding work. I also just want to acknowledge in this time when racial justice is front and center, in elevating black voices has become something that the community expects and demands of every action that we take. Prosper Portland actually has been in the lead on this issue for some time. In a way, we have reimagined what development looks like as we thought about how prosperity can and must be shared by all Portlanders, how we rethink the way that the development must take place, so that those who are the most impacted are also those who have the most opportunity to gain from the developments that are being considered, and as I think about the weighty projects that are yet ahead of us, including the Broadway corridor, number one, it is both daunting, the work list, but number two, it's really exciting and energizing, and you are going to be there front and center in helping this council to make good decisions along the way, so thank you all. I am very happy to vote aye. The report is accepted the appointments are approved. Thank you for your service.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next item is number 501, please, keelen.

ITEM 501

Mc Clymont: Item 501

Wheeler: Colleagues, the revenue division has been engaged in replacing the city's multiple legacy tax administration databases since 2019. The legacy systems are, in some cases, over 20 years old, are based on updated technology and must be replaced. 20 years old, by the way, in i.t. Is 100 years in human years. The new system will provide better customer services, more capability around tax collection for the city, county, and other stakeholders, and better security and disaster recovery. It will also meet IRS requirements for the safeguarding of federal taxpayer information, otherwise known as FTI. The integrated tax system, or its, is expected to go live, phase one this year. Phase two is the stabilization period ending on June 30, 2021. The integrated tax system, its, is expected to go live -- I am sorry, I am reading the same sentence twice, that's why. The city council authorized the its budget and contract back in 2019. This included an ongoing [inaudible] in the revenue division budget to cover the city's share of the repayment of the bonds before us today. There is no additional budget impact for approving this item. The city council also directed the revenue division to negotiate with Multnomah county and all other

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stakeholders with taxes and fees on the new system to help pay for the system and their share of the bonds. Those negotiations I am pleased to say have been successful. Bonds and other its costs will continue to be repaid in the fiscal year 2021-2022. The county has agreed to pay for its allocated share of its, and we thank the county for that. The iga reflecting this will come to council next week. The new system is expected to generate additional tax revenue by leveraging federal taxpayer information to identify non-compliant taxpayers. The county will pay for its share of its with these additional revenues. And now, we have -- I see thomas lanam is here. I don't know if matt is also here -- yeah.

Matt Gierach, Debt Manager, City of Portland Treasury: Yes

Wheeler: matt and thomas are both here to present. Good morning, gentlemen.

Gierach: Good morning. For the record, I am matt gerok, debt manager with the bureau of revenue and [inaudible] services. I am joined by thomas lanam, director of admissions, as well. As mentioned in the introductory remarks, the integrated access project, which is also referred to as the its project is a key revenue division project that replaces various legacy systems with one cohesive tax system package. The project was approved by city council in june of 2019. It has been [inaudible] phase one development. Under the project plan, the majority of remaining costs are to be financed through the project completion. This ordinance before you authorizes that financing, with the issuance of revenue bonds in an amount of up to \$11 million. Under the provisions of the ordinance, not more than 10 million of bond proceeds may be directly related to costs of the its project. Additional funds under the authorization will be used to pay financing costs, including costs of issuance, and potentially, capitalized interest, if needed. Note that the fiscal year 2021 adopted budget allows for approximately \$9 million to be borrowed, so loan proceeds will be capped at this level unless there is -- future budget modification approved by city council. The bonds will be issued in the form of a line of credit and we anticipate closing this coming august. Once the costs associated with the project are incurred, the [inaudible] long-term bonds to refinance the line of credit balance at that time. The term of the long-term bonds is set to be approximately ten years. The service will be paid from the appropriated general fund revenues, which will include annual cost recovery revenues received from jurisdictions that utilize tax administration services of the revenue division. That concludes the overview of the ordinance, and I am happy to answer any questions related to the financing and thomas lanam is on standby, as well.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any questions? I don't see any at this point. Keelen, is there any public testimony on this item?

McClymont: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. There being no further business, this is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading, I will have more to say on this next week as we take up the county's iga, as well. I want to thank you for your hard work on this.

Gierach Thanks.

Wheeler: We will move onto item number 502, please. That's a second reading.

ITEM 502

McClymont: Item 502

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading of a non-emergency ordinance. We have, what I thought was a very thoughtful and very interesting presentation on this. We took public testimony. We are now ready to take the vote, unless there is any further business on this particular item. Seeing none, keelen, please call the roll.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: It was, indeed, a very interesting presentation. Thank you. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. We will move onto another second reading before we can get to the time certain. Please read 504. Speaking of great presentations,

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this is also a second reading. We heard a very provocative and interesting presentation and took public testimony on this item, as well. Is there any further discussion on it before we call the roll? Seeing none, Keelen, please call the roll.

Eudaly: Well, I always enjoy this presentation, and I want to thank the parks department and urban forestry commission once again. And I vote aye.

Fritz: I agree with my colleague, aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everyone, who worked so hard on that one. And the last second reading is item 506.

ITEM 506

McClymont: Item 506

Wheeler: Colleagues, any further discussion on this item? This is also a second reading. Keelen, please call the roll -- commissioner Hardesty.

Eudaly: This is 506?

Wheeler: 506, correct.

Eudaly: We are rescheduling this for July 8 for final vote.

Fritz: I can vote on it today, commissioner. I am willing to vote for it today.

Eudaly: Okay.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly, it's your call.

Eudaly: I will take that to be that your vote is in support of it today?

Wheeler: I will.

Fritz: Yes.

Eudaly: All right, let's go.

Wheeler: Keelen, please call the roll.

Eudaly: Well, I don't have any closing remarks prepared because I thought I was going to be pulling this item, but I want to thank everybody for their quick and creative work solving this problem, and I vote aye.

Fritz: If commissioner Hardesty had been here, I would have voted no on this. I am very concerned that this allows developers of very expensive housing and lots of very expensive housing to pay the same fee as somebody who is developing a modest single home. So that -- and also it doesn't solve the problem that we're trying to solve in the residential infill project of providing homes where people have streets in front of them. And since it is -- obviously, I was involved in setting up this program under the previous administration, so I do believe that it is better than what we've been doing in the past in terms of the waivers. It's still -- it has some troubling aspects, and I know that you will all be working on it more as time goes by. It was always intended to be a bit after pilot to find out how does it work, and it has had some good benefits, and therefore, I will vote aye.

Wheeler: I appreciate what commissioner Fritz just said. This was not perfect. This is the good, or at least the better. It's a step in the right direction, and therefore I will support it. But commissioner Fritz's demonstration is correct. This will be an iterative, an evolving process. It's my expectation that at some point, revisions to this will be back before the council, but I will support it because it is definitely a step in the right direction, and I am happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. And now we can go back on the agenda to the two time certain items, 497 and 498. It's my understanding they will be pulled, but we need to read them for the record, Keelen. Both 497 and 498.

ITEM 497 & 498

McClymont: Item 497 & 498

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. As a courtesy to commissioner Hardesty who wanted to be present for this discussion, I am pulling these items, 497 and 498 back to my office. They have been rescheduled for July 9 at 3:30:00 p.m. Time certain.

Wheeler: Thank you. Keelen, can you please read 499. Second reading.

ITEM 499

McClymont: Item 499

Wheeler: This item is somewhat related to the prior to, so I will be pulling it back to my office, as well. It comes back to my office. Next is 503, please.

ITEM 503

McClymont: Item 503

Wheeler: Colleagues, the 2016-2020 consolidated plan is the fifth, five-year plan. Members also submit an annual action plan, the fifth action plan, fiscal 2020-2021 will be submitted this year along with any updates for the five-year, 2016-2020 plans. Yes, there will be a quiz on that later, the city of Portland is the lead agent for which also includes the city of Gresham and Multnomah county. The Portland consortium is required to submit an annual a-plan as a condition of receiving four federal formula grants. The community development block grant, that we are all familiar with, the CDBG, the "home", the emergency solution grant, the ESG, and housing opportunities for persons with AIDS, HOPEWA. It contains the community housing and community development needs. It identifies key local priorities, and it establishes the strategies that each jurisdiction will use to address those high priority needs. The action plan also includes one year [inaudible], each jurisdiction will be expected to measure its progress against those goals in the consolidated annual performance report, called the container, which is followed [inaudible]. Regulations also require each consortium receiving federal housing community development funds to certify that it is affirmatively furthering the fair housing, an issue which is of critical importance here in Portland. Due to the public health emergency, sorry, the city of Portland is the representative -- member of the consortium, and with the ability to carry out the overall responsibility of the Portland consortium. Due to the public health emergency, the federally funded projects will have activities designated to address housing, health, and community, economic development impacted by COVID-19. The home consortium, citizen participation plan is amended to include the reduced public comment periods in order to quickly deploy funds during the public health emergency. And with us today to make sense of everything that I just said is our very able services manager, Kim McCarty. Thank you for being here this morning.

Kim McCarty, Program Coordinator, Portland Housing Bureau: Thank you, Mayor.

Thank you, Commissioners. I am Kim McCarty with the rental services office. And I do have a slide presentation. It covers a lot of the things you just relayed to the Commissioners and the public. Would you like me to go through that presentation or just answer questions?

Wheeler: No. Why don't you go through it we are a little ahead of schedule today, so we have the luxury of time.

McCarty: Wonderful. I am going to share my screen. So, good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. I am with the rental services office of the Portland Housing Bureau. Portland is the lead for the Portland consortium. That includes the city of Gresham, Multnomah county, and the city of Portland. Portland administers the HOME funds for all the consortium jurisdictions, and makes the federal formula grant applications for these three jurisdictions. The annual action plan and its attached certification for [inaudible] fair housing serves as the -- application for these funds. This is the fifth action plan of the 2016 five-year consolidated plan. This legislation authorizes the Mayor to formally request the city's regular, non-CARES Act, federal act -- formula grant -- sorry about that -- and the community development block grant emergency solutions grant HOME and housing for persons with AIDS, and it amends the citizen participation plan on behalf of the consortium members. Bear with me -- next slide. So as part of the public participation process this year, the jurisdiction partners held listening sessions in the fall regarding housing and community economic development. We did this in coordination with Multnomah county and the city of Gresham. The community input that was shared with the jurisdiction, with the

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jurisdictions was important to the planning and budget committees, and they also informed the budget priorities. This spring, hearings to share the goals and strategies and actions with the community were modified to address the required distancing to protect public health, and these modifications are included in the updated community participation plan as required by hud, and they are also included as an exhibit to the 2020 action plan application. So I wanted to share with you that annually, the Portland consortium reviews the demographic and housing market data. To refine our programmatic choices. This slide of Multnomah county shows that poverty is concentrated in east Portland and in east Multnomah county, and it will re-overlay demographics information about race -- we know that people of color are disproportionately in poverty and are concentrated in these lower income areas. Then when we also add information with recent employment data for Multnomah county during this public health emergency, it shows industries with -- it shows industries with disproportionate black, indigenous, and people of color employment have the highest portion of unemployment claims in Multnomah county. As a result of these findings, there will be an increased focus on strategies to improve program access and outcomes for black, indigenous, and people of color at risk of housing, instability and displacement. So if we go into more specifics about the type of federal formula grants that we receive due to the consortium, through the city of Portland, there are four annual formula grants that are received. And they have specific objectives and constraints. The community development block grant is our most flexible source of funding, and you can see this year we received \$8 million in new funds. The home program has the objective to expand the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary, affordable housing. And as a part of our over \$4 million allocation this year, a portion of that is transferred to a jurisdictional transfer to gresham and Multnomah county. And then our emergency solutions grant, over 700,000 this year, the goal there is to reduce and prevent homelessness, and our hopwa grant for housing opportunities for persons with aids, almost \$2 million, that is shared with the counties throughout the region, and the purpose is to provide housing for persons with aids, and we do this as a regional partnership, and there is also an agency chance -- transfer of the [inaudible] and the hopwa funds with the joint office of homeless services. So as part of the five-year consolidated planning process, there were three established goals. First, to increase and preserve affordable housing choice. Second to reduce and prevent homelessness, and third, to improve employment and household economic stability. And you will see in the following slides where those resources -- where the priorities were made. Most of it is with affordable housing followed by preventing homelessness, and then lastly, improving employment for households and improving economic stability. And you can see there is a list of the types of programs that we have supported historically. I will move onto the next slide here. So this year, over the last five years, cdbg has been focused on home. Most of the cdbg is being used for the home ownership programs that include first-time home buyer programs, and also we have programs for homeowners that are already in their homes. Hopwa is for persons with aids, and the emergency solutions grant is specific to homelessness prevention. And when we break this down by the funding type, you can see home this year is being spent mostly on new, affordable housing, but also, we have a significant carryover, 4.5 million, that will be spent on emergency rent assistance, and there is a jurisdictional transfer, I described earlier, to our partners in gresham and Multnomah county. The cdbg funds will be spent on single family home repair, financial assistance. It's a big part of our fair housing service programs, such as legal -- aid services, and an agency transfer to prosper Portland for the micro-enterprise, the adult workforce and the youth workforce development. And as I said earlier, the esg and hopwa funds go through an agency transfer to the joint office of homeless services. So the other part of this legislative action is to amend the citizen participation plan. We needed to do that to address the community health issues. And hud

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gave us a waiver where we are allowed this year to reduce the public comment period to five days to allow for virtual hearings to reduce notification time and make it possible that we don't have to provide hard copies or have inter-personal contact at this time. And the 2020 action plan, in addition to that update, also gave us updates to address the cares act funding, which is coming to the city of Portland, while this particular legislation does not contain any cares act funding, the supplemental federal funds associated with the cares act, mainly the cdbg, the esg, and hopwa will be used for covid-19 rent assistance and business assistance as it pertains to -- and homelessness assistance, as it pertains to public health types of strategies. So that concludes my presentation. I want to let you know that the public comment period for all the consortium members is through July 7. And I will take any questions you may have.

Wheeler: Thank you, kim. That was a great presentation on a fairly complex set of opportunities that provided a lot of clarity, and I appreciate it. Colleagues, any questions for kim? Very good. Keelen, do we have any public testimony on this item?

McClymont: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. Well, thank you very much for this. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you, kim, for the presentation. Next up is item 505.

ITEM 505

McClymont: Item 505

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly, this is your item.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. So the -- so springing forward this ordinance to increase the noise program rates by 5% as allowed by city code. We have done this every year. This year, katherine couch is here to present on the increase. I believe?

Katherine Couch, Assistant Program Specialist, Noise Control division of Community & Civic Life: Yes, I am here. Good morning, mayor.

Eudaly: And after many, many years of knowing you, I am very pleased that I said your name correctly because as a Portlander, you always have to stop and wonder, is it couch or is it cooch.

Couch: Only in Portland.

Eudaly: Well, I was born and raised here, so.

Wheeler: I am going to go and sit on the cooch for a while. [laughter]

Eudaly: I want to apologize last time I said your name wrong and am going to try not to do it again.

Couch: It's okay. [laughter] anyway, good morning.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Couch: I am here to present our 5% annual fee increase for noise variances. We do this every year. I put this out to the noise review board and put it on our web page such didn't hear any comments, which is not really a surprise. Let me share my document. There we go. So the current fees are on the left side of the page, and the far right is the proposed fees. The pandemic related stay-at-home order has appended our expectations for noise variance revenue coming in. The event variances that we're used to seeing in the summer are, our busy time, had to cancel and we are granting refunds to applicants who request them, and that's where we are right now. We are asking for a standard 5% increase with some rounding to make whole numbers, but the one exception that we are doing this year, in the hopes of not creating barriers for those individuals and small nonprofits, that are struggling due to the pandemic. For that you will small events they are the ones labeled all other on the sheet. We are keeping them the same because we are hoping that we can encourage small community-building celebrations and events when they are allowed to happen. That's pretty much it. Does anybody have any questions for me?

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any questions for katherine?

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Eudaly: Katherine, have we seen an increase or decrease in noise complaints? Since the shutdown?

Couch: Yes. We have seen an increase, and most of it, I think, you know, people have a lot of anxiety. And they are hearing things about -- they normally don't hear or, you know, for a few days, they are hoping that they can just not deal with it. But there are things like stereos. My neighbor is working on this. Really neighbor-to-neighbor things. Yeah. Lots of stereo complaints right now.

Eudaly: Mine is lawnmowers and leaf blowers.

Couch: There you go.

Eudaly: But I have gotten them to reschedule it around council, so I am very grateful for that. Thanks for being here. It's nice to see you today.

Couch: Yeah. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks a lot. Very good.

Couch: Okay. Thanks.

Fritz: Excuse me, I had my hand up.

Wheeler: I am sorry, commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you. Good morning, Katherine. I am wondering, how do these fees relate to cost recovery?

Couch: Well, we look at cost recovery, and we would have to quadruple our fees in order to get there. So we're not sure how to really do that without causing shockwaves and having people not apply for variances. It's something that we struggle with.

Fritz: Thank you, and when I was in charge of the program, we embarked on the 5% a year as a way that, and that's obviously a little more than inflation but didn't keep up with the increasing costs of the city. And the plan had been to increase it more and more, until we get the cost recovery because I think that most community members would believe that if you want to get the variance to be more noisy, you should pay for at least the cost of processing that. So I just hope that will be considered as you move forward next year. Thank you.

Couch: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, and I am sorry, commissioner. I didn't have my participant list up appropriately. Keelen, is there any public testimony on this item?

McClymont: No one signed up.

Wheeler: All right, very good. There being no further business on this item, this is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Let me just check here. I think that completes our agenda for this morning -- yes, it does. All right. With that, then, thank you, everybody. We are adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 10:13 a.m.

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2:00 PM

Wheeler: This is the wednesday, june 24, 2020 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Keelen, please call the roll. [roll call taken]

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty has a pre-excused absence. Colleagues, under Portland city code and state law the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available to the public to listen to the broadcast. It's available on the city's youtube channel, www.Portlandoregon.gov. The public can provide written testimony by emailing at cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov. This is a result of the covid-19 pandemic and to promote physical distancing. The pandemic threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, willingness to learn new technologies and your understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. I'll turn it over to legal council to read the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Lory Kraut, Deputy City Attorney: Good afternoon, mayor. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of the ordinances. The published council agenda at Portlandoregon.gov/auditor contains information about how and when you may sign up while city council is holding electronic meetings. You should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist.

Wheeler: Evelyn, can I ask you to mute, please?

Evelyn Liu New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Commissioner: Okay.

Kraut: If you're representing an organization please identify it. Presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting and refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. We have two items today. The first is a proclamation being introduced by myself and commissioner eudaly. The second is a report introduced by commissioner eudaly. I want to acknowledge commissioner eudaly has taken the lead in the past of the council on both items. After keelen reads 507 and 508 i'll have some brief introductory remarks and turn it over to commissioner eudaly. Keelen, please read items 507 and 508.

ITEM 507 and 508

Keelan: Item 507. Item 508.

Wheeler: Very good. First of all I want to thank the new Portlanders policy commission for being with us today and for sharing this important testimony. I know oftentimes in presentations like this people are asked to relitigate their trauma on stage in full view of the

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public which can be emotionally very demanding and it's something privileged groups like my own rarely have to deal with. I want to acknowledge that. I wish there were circumstances which brought you here -- I wish the circumstances were somewhat different but I commend you for being here anyway and taking on that challenge. I want to state on behalf of the entire council the burden this places on you is not going unnoticed. It goes without saying that we're living through an unprecedented public health crisis right now. No country, no community, no individuals are spared from the impact of covid-19. This proclamation condemning hate crimes against the asian american and pacific islander communities comes at a very important time in american history and i'm eager to add the voices of the aapi community to the discussion our country is finally having around what it means to be a nonwhite person existing in a country that was not designated with them in mind. That conversation has to be had at our dinner tables, with our neighbors, and within institutions like the police bureau and the city council as we are now. There are about more than just police accountability and justice, they are about examining the role of one's race and what it plays in determining their outcomes in our society. I believe that this is an important inflexion point in our culture that's been a long time coming. I include in all of this, of course, the impacts of the black lives matter movement, which is not far removed from the substance of today's proclamation. No two groups' experiences are ever the same but it's abundantly clear that for many nonwhite americans institutional and cultural racism challenge them daily in ways that white people like myself never have to deal with. During this covid crisis, a lot has happened and it's happened very rapidly. It's devastated our economy, skyrocketed unemployment levels, isolated us from our loved ones, and over all it's challenged our resolve as human beings. Aapi communities have the added burden they must carry of being wrongly and ignorantly blamed for its presence in america. The current president even actively encourages this sentiment. That is dangerously ignorant. It has no place in Portland. Covid has caused enough suffering on its own. I ask you to point your frustrations towards the productive. Our concern should be we have eradicating the effects, not looking out for any groups to scapegoat. We're all in this together. Our city strives to be a welcoming, healthy, safe community for all of us and we do better than most but it's clear that we still have a long way to go before that holds true for all Portlanders. Ignorance about the reality race plays in people's lives is no longer an excuse for an inaction. It's impossible to remove oneself from the moment this country is going through. I urge all of us to ask ourselves where we fit into all of this and what side of history we want to be on. I take this seriously. I commit to doing my part in addressing the concerns nppc brings to light here today and I thank you for that. I thank you for your expression of concerns, your willingness to share your testimony, for being here. I'm looking forward to listening and learning. Now I want to turn this over to the council's leader on these efforts here today commissioner chloe eudaly. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. Good afternoon, everyone. Before I begin I just want you to know i'm having a little bit of an allergy attack and having a hard time catching my breath. Please bear with me. Before I read the proclamation I want to acknowledge the new Portlander policy commission. Nppc wrote this proclamation. We'll be hearing more from them this afternoon about the work that they have accomplished and their goals moving forward. For now I would like to thank nppc members jean shu un, arn downing, octaviano marsus, evelyn mu, and bear lucci as well as civic life staffers marco mejia and chip cou for all their work making this happen today. I'm very impressed by your commitment to our city and your unwavering support of new Portlanders. Now I will read the proclamation. Whereas apano and puah have seen increase in reports of racially based hate crimes against asian americans and asian pacific islander communities brought on by reference to the virus as chinese virus, wuhan virus and king flu in place of the scientific name for the virus. And whereas asian americans and asian pacific islander communities will be

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scapegoated due to fears, uncertainties and the use of anti-asian rhetoric perpetuated by federal leadership. According to aapi stop hate aapi communities have experienced nearly 1100 anti-asian physical and verbal attacks since march 2020. Yet asian americans are no more likely to be carriers of covid-19 than any other americans. Whereas city council declared the city of Portland a welcoming city, a sanctuary city, and an inclusive city for all resolution 37277 adopted by council on march 2, 2017, and whereas Portland city code section 23.01 010 states that it is the policy of the city of Portland to eliminate discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income. Such discrimination poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Portland and menaces the institutions and foundation of our community. And whereas Portland city council in 2016 adopted code section 3.131.010 establishing the new Portlander policy commission to advise the city on policies and practices to integrate immigrant and refugee communities, voices and needs into the provision of city services, city decision-making, and civic engagement in Portland. And whereas city council acknowledges the challenges faced by all Portlanders during the covid-19 crisis while specifically people of asian american and asian pacific islander descent have been subject to hate crimes, we acknowledge black and indigenous communities are disproportionately affected due to the health disparities perpetuated by systemic racism and whereas Portland city council believes that all immigrants and refugee are critical additions to the social and economic well-being of the city. Now, therefore, i, chloe eudaly, Portland city commissioner on behalf of ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim the city of Portland a place that does not tolerate xenophobia by condemning the rise in hate crimes attacks and attitudes against asian americans and asian pacific islander communities due to the racist manipulation and polarization of the covid-19 crisis.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. Appreciate it. Commissioner, I assume you want to go ahead and do the play-by-play on the next item. We'll go ahead and -- however you want to do it.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. First I want to acknowledge how patient the new commission has been throughout the covid-19 crisis. This annual report has been rescheduled a number of times over the last several months, and i'm very happy that we're able to hear from them today. Additionally the nppc adopted their annual report to create a covid-19 addendum that we'll learn more about this afternoon. The nppc recognize immigrant and refugee communities are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and work it into their presentation. Thank you for your patience, thank you for recognizing disparate impacts and I look forward to hearing from everyone today. Now I would like to introduce the first speakers. James schuman, ann downing, who I don't see. I might have that wrong. And octaviano macias. Which I hope is close.

June Schumann, New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Commissioner: Good afternoon, mr. Mayor and commission eudaly and Fritz, my name is june schuman. I'm a member of nppc, I am an immigrant who came to this country as an alien dependent of a u.s. Citizens. I'm the founding director of Oregon legacy center and a long time community activist. I'm here to speak about the proclamation that you have just approved. In the midst of this covid-19 pandemic, we became alarmed by increased reports of racist incidents against asian americans and pacific islanders referenced as chinese virus, wuhan virus and kung flu in place of the scientific name is fanning the anti-asian stereotypes and scapegoating we're labeled as dirty and uncivilized. The city's resilient Portland resolution refers to the Oregon department of justice's report that year to date hate crimes and bias incidents in Oregon increased by 366%, 20% of the these from Oregon's -- against Oregon's aapi communities who make up 5% of the population. From february to april in

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Portland, there were reports of 10 incidents, about 42% of all, directly related to covid-19. We can assume that this number is small and more are unreported. These incidents are examples of the long-standing pattern of racial hostilities directed against people of color, both native born and foreign born. People from the middle east and other parts of asia, pacific islands, africa, and countries south of our border have been targets of hate for decades. The covid-19 related incidents against the aapi people shouldn't be ignored or minimized. It's critical that public officials speak out against racism. The message has to be clear that it is not okay to harass and scapegoat anyone for the pandemic. We thank you for your swift action to approve the proclamation. Now I would like to introduce ann downing, who is with us by phone, to speak about her students confronted by anti-asian harassment. Ann. You need to unmute yourself.

Liu: Ann, can you hear us? She can push star --

Wheeler: Star 6 on the keypad if she's just on the phone. There she is.

Liu: Yayyy: Ann? Still can't hear her. Oh, she's just muted herself again I see.

Wheeler: Can you hear us okay? Evelyn, do you have ann's phone number?

Liu: Yes, I do.

Wheeler: Ann, if you can hear me if you hang up for a moment we'll have evelyn call you and put you on speakerphone and we'll be able to hear you just fine. Why don't you call her, evelyn. Old school.

Liu: Okay. Try it again.

Liu: Ann?

Liu: That's okay. Don't even try. We're going to put you through the phone in front of the speaker and they can hear you, okay?

Wheeler: We hear you loud and clear.

Anne Downing, New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Commissioner: Okay.

Downing: Thank you, june and dear mayor wheeler and commissioners. Sorry about the phone. I'm ann downing. I teach english as a second language in east Portland at david douglas high school. I thank you for the opportunity to share my experience with some of my asian students during recent months. Toward the end of january 2020, misinformation and rumors were spreading rapidly through the school. I did daily corona updates. Each day I reminded students that covid-19 is not a racial disease, it's a human disease. One of my chinese students stayed after class to tell me what he endured every day. He was being harassed in hallways and between classes. He -- strangers into lockers as they passed or students would give him a wide berth. Lunchtime was unbearable for him. He was openly harassed and told on two occasions to get out of line because he had the chinese virus. People stared at him and his friends. He was shunned on a daily basis. His mother began packing him lunch. He and other asian students found a place outside the cafeteria to eat. I began seeing signs of shunning in my classroom. A few students didn't want to partner or work with small groups with their asian classmates. One day one of my vietnamese students pulled out a snack from home and his partner came over to me to complain that the chinese food, it was grapes, might make him sick. He wanted a new partner. Asian students struggled to describe the aggressions they had learned. We are kind and generous but fear of the unknown brought out the worst in a few of them. Aggressions were recorded all over the school. David douglas graduates were texting me to say they felt very uncomfortable in and out of class. People distanced themselves on max platforms. My heart broke when one said I wish I could change my face. Asian restaurants and stores were becoming empty. My teaching assistant lost his job at the downtown asian restaurant. Another assistant was laid off from her job. In both cases the additional income was critical to family stability. Pandemic has been particularly isolating and dehumanizing in so many ways for asian teens and our families. I'll now pass it on to octaviano.

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Octaviano Mercial, New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Commissioner:

Good afternoon, commissioners. I would like to acknowledge the Portland Metro area rests on traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla and other tribes. My name is Octaviano Mercial, a member of the new Portland Policy Commission. I'm a member of the Miztec indigenous nation that came to Oregon to work in the construction sites, canneries, farms and tree plant and nurseries. I'm a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University and have served proudly in this commission for three years. This is my last week. We're passing the baton to new members of Portland. I work in the city of Portland. I was within the limits of the city of Portland and dedicated 20 years of my life to volunteer and give back. We thank city council for taking the steps to publicly condemn and denounce the surge and rise in actions of white supremacist attitudes, attacks and hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities and members of our Black communities. Elected officials owe accountability, responsibility and commitment to advance social and racial justice to create a safe, healthy social, emotional, political, cultural community for Portlanders. For all Portlanders. The intersectionality disparities -- systemic injustices that affect Black, indigenous and people of color and immigrants communities rest on the responsibility of equitable and mindful policies. This is the trust the community put on elected officials. We want to acknowledge and thank city council for your early efforts to address the negative consequences of COVID-19 on Asian communities by partnering with API organizations to provide small grants to Jade District businesses that suffered a decline in business during the early stages of COVID-19. In addition we acknowledge and thank council for investing in Portland United Against Hate which continues to provide critical resources in addressing hate. I will keep my part short and I will pass the mike back to our co-chair Evelyn.

Wheeler: Thanks, Octaviano.

Liu: Thank you very much, June and Ann, for your testimony. So I need to change it. I have Tommy's picture up here. I do not look like that. Okay. There I am. [laughter] I had a beard: Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz. I understand Jo Ann Hardesty is at another event. I'm Evelyn Lu, chair of the new Portlanders Policy Commission. So looks like we have a slide up which means that my -- yes. Okay. I need to go back to my notes here. Blotted out my notes. Filled my entire screen. So I hope you, your family and friends are staying safe and healthy. We were scheduled as Commissioner Eudaly had indicated on June 9th but in light of the protests of that week we, the executive committee, decided to request a postponement to a later date to allow city council space to deal with the events and allow our commission to reflect on our statement of solidarity with the African-American and Black community. We do wish to acknowledge and thank Commissioner Eudaly for sharing our statement on her website. So I have a little bit about myself. My parents are from China. They arrived in 1950 and I was born same year, June 22, same year. Grew up in Hawthorne neighborhood. Buckman preschool, girls polytechnic, the only girls school at that time, majored in humanities at PSU. I have served on boards, currently serve on Open Signal Board and Asian Pacific Chamber. The new Portlanders Policy Commission, or NPPC, was established by ordinance and we were officially sworn in May of 2016. We had a pool of applicants, 25 were selected. Each of us came to the commission with very different cultural backgrounds and life experiences where we all live, work, play and pray in the city of Portland. As the commission and leaders representing our various communities we are charged with supporting the city's equity initiatives. By reviewing and refining past recommendations on immigrant and refugee policy and practices, developing policy and practice recommendations for improving integration, providing expert support, and technical advice to city council and city bureaus and finally providing expert support and tech support by the partnering schools, local government, state and federal agencies in developing and implementing a

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comprehensive body of policies and practices. We have prepared a presentation [audio not understandable] but when the pandemic hit we updated this report with an addendum responding to the needs within Portland's immigrant and refugee communities. One of the community's most impactful pandemic. I thank our fellow commissioners past and present and the executive committee who devoted much time and effort these last four years to create both bodies of work. Coming from different cultures, expectations and life experiences these last four years working together as a group has created opportunities to grow personally, gaining understanding of others as we move forward creating space to advocate for our community. In the interests of time I won't go through each name but you can see them listed on the slide, which is on the power point. Thank you. Today i'm joined by my fellow commissioners who will speak on how covid-19 has impacted the community and the recommendations. Dr. Buddy will [audio not understandable] and I will conclude with final remarks and invite questions from council. Thank you. Ann and June.

Downing: Thank you, evelyn. Again, this is ann downing. I'm a member of the nppc. Thank you for the opportunity again to share my experiences and that of my students. On march 13, our last day of school, my classroom seemed empty. I said goodbye to the students and told them I would see them again in two weeks. The students never returned. I began calling home to assess family needs. We started compiling a list of students who needed technology at home. Most needed a chrome book and many families did not even have wi-fi connections. The schools sent home chrome books and set up hot spots with internet providers. Nearly all of my students needed chrome books to do online learning. It took weeks to get students the technology they needed. Some were afraid to leave their homes to pick up a book at school while others didn't have transportation. Getting my students online and teaching them how to navigate with google classroom was very challenging. My students reported their parents were out of work. Only three families did not experience unemployment.

Wheeler: You suddenly muted so we can't hear. Can you unmute, evelyn? Can you unmute on your screen so we can hear ann?

Downing: Did not experience unemployment. This created an urgent need for food assistance. Some food pantries began making weekly deliveries. Some families refused help because it was embarrassing to receive food. Free food. Others did not want to receive any sort of aid because they feared deportation or they worried it might jeopardize their chances at citizenship. Culturally appropriate food was unavailable to local food banks. My students with their very limited english were often the only family member with enough english to navigate financial aid forms. They were overwhelmed with complicated online forms and questions they couldn't answer. Families often had someone in the family who was ill. As time passed, there were hospitalizations and deaths. Families grappled with medical bills and funeral costs. This crisis is ongoing with my students' families. Community leaders and their organizations have scrambled heroically to fill some of these needs. Thank you and I will pass it back to jean.

Wheeler: Thank you, ann.

Schumann: Thank you, ann. Again i'm June schuman, a member of nppc. There was immediate impact from the pandemic on the immigrants and refugees because a significant number of these communities work in low wage jobs that could not be done from home. So their jobs and incomes disappeared. Unemployment benefits are not available to all who are laid off. While we acknowledge the hardships felt by all who lost their jobs to the pandemic, immigrants and refugees have the added burden of navigating systems that were not designed for people with diverse language and cultural backgrounds. We identified the following as the most urgent priorities from the nppc's perspective. Provide better access to information about state, county and city policies that impact immigrants and refugees. Fill the gap in the unemployment benefits that excludes

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workers due to their immigration status. Increase participation of immigrants and refugees in city decision-making bodies. Ensure safety for those [audio not understandable] as volunteers in our own respective communities, some of us have initiated fund-raising and organized distribution of food and financial assistance for thousands of families whose jobs disappeared and businesses were shut down. Others are busy participating in prosper Portland, work groups, city council, Oregon health authority debriefings and other policy related conversations. Our work will continue with the office of community and civic life to utilize their research to inform our work. Finally, we have two recommendations for the city council's consideration. Number one, invest additional city dollars in the Oregon workers relief fund. We thank you for quickly approving \$250,000 for the Oregon workers relief fund. This is a good start, however, the need is significantly greater, estimated at over \$100 million statewide. We support the recommendation by the undocumented Portlanders work group that each jurisdiction contribute a minimum of \$2 million immediately. This will help stabilize local families and avoid dire conditions by filling the gaps in the present assistance programs. Number 2, pass a proclamation to condemn the rising incidents of hate and attitudes against asian american and pacific islander aapi communities due to racist manipulation and politicization of covid-19 crisis. Thank you to mayor and commissioner eudaly for leading action on this earlier. Impacts of covid-19 will be long-lasting. We are appreciative of your leadership, your focus on equity and communities most impacted. Your recognition that there is so much more to do. Thank you for your time. We will now open for any questions that you may have.

Wheeler: Thank you, june. Colleagues, any questions?

Marco Mejia Yopez, Community & Civic Life, Community Engagement Program

Coordinator: We have one last presenter.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you.

Schumann: Shall we go on to the next section? Where is bahir?

Wheeler: He's on, he's just muted at the moment.

Baher Butti, New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Commissioner and EC

member: Thank you, marco, evelyn. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you, mayor, commissioners. I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Butti: I'm speaking on the secretary of the commission. While we don't have time to fully present the new Portlanders 2.0 reports today I would like to provide a brief summary. In 2007, the year that I arrived to the united states of america, Oregon, Portland, as a refugee, and I engaged at that time the immigrants and refugees task force that was part of the vision pdx. They produced the new Portland report with four recommendations. Create an office of immigrant and refugee affairs. Two, establish a multicultural center. Three, provide additional resources for immigrant and refugee organizations to train their constituents in civic engagement. Four, assist policies and practices. A major advance took place in july 2006 we got the city ordinance chapter 3.231 and ordained our commission to new Portland policy commission. The purpose of the stated ordinance of the commission were evaluate and refine policy and practice and recommendations for improving immigrant and refugee communities. B, facilitate constructive working partnerships between city leaders and newcomer community leaders. C, provide a forum for setting integration goals between city goals and community organizations. D, provide technical support and policy advice to the city council offices on city bureaus. E, serve as consultant and advocate to state and federal agencies on policies impacted immigrant and refugee communities as capacity allows. What remains in 2020? We still don't have a formal office for immigrant and refugees to coordinate services with other programs in the city. Cultural and linguistic barriers persist. Only nine languages are recognized by the city while there are several other growing communities who are not being included. We're still

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lacking a culturally specific formal stage that can go beyond the language barrier to culturally appropriate integration process. At that time ten years ago there was a feasibility study by the bureau of sustainability and development for a cultural center. When we asked for -- years ago that the staff and bureau couldn't find it. It's gone. I hate also to say this but when it comes to employment there's still a kind of token minority hire going on which can be an expression of structural disadvantage. We updated the recommendations by -- [audio not understandable] thanks to the support of commissioner eudaly and the staff of the office. We have four policy recommendations. Reinforce, fortify and develop best practices to better serve immigrant and refugees. Provide these functions, build structures for information sharing like a system like 311 to improve practices and resource communities. That includes three key elements. The first key short term goal establish an identifiable, responsive, well informed home/space/place and staff that would serve as a bridge between city resources and their governmental representatives and immigrant and refugee communities. Again, 311 call resource center would be an easy and financially feasible start. A second is intracity system responsive in the language, culture and needs of the immigrant and refugee communities as when people call or visit the city offices. Immigrant and refugee space in the form of an intercultural center, a space for collaboration and learning among community, government, nonprofits and the community. Two, establish updated and effective data collection systems. The city needs a modern information system that orients around the whole person regarding the social determinance of health. Food, housing, employment, legal needs, environmental impacts. Three, conduct an audit of city of Portland internal services and programs to assess effectiveness in meeting the needs for immigrants and refugees. Four, build collaborative cross-sectional -- improve communication and innovative partnerships to support immigrants and refugees. Amid long term recommendation is the city begin to execute a giant immigrant and refugee work across jurisdictions. This coordinated effort would improve the community determinance of health as we said on the collective impact model. Simultaneously we want an actual space where members can come together for healing as well as building their political relationships to others' community needs, their vision of the new Portland policy commission remains unfulfilled. My final comment that is we seek an inviting city that demonstrates through intentional governments and functional systems respect for our culture, knowledge, assets, and abilities. Immigrant and refugee communities of Portland are excited to practice and be part of our new found democracy. We seek to be an active agent in our own self-determination and community health and wealth. The city can be key in removing barriers and building ladders, not looking down upon but helping up our hard working and diverse community members to fortify a new and better life. We can do this by listening to the dreams of immigrants and refugees who are known as owing -- accomplices in making these dreams a reality. We ask that later we return to this longer term discussion to provide a more comprehensive representation and we all know now we have the opportunity to create a new normal. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Liu: Thank you, doctor. This is evelyn again. In closing I would like to thank mayor wheeler, commissioners eudaly, Fritz and hardesty for their time. Do I need to unmute myself.

Wheeler: You're good. We can hear you.

Liu: We want you to know through your actions as commissioners for the city of Portland you have demonstrated your values in centering the most impacted by the inequities and disparities which has exposed all of the disparities and still we know there's much work to do and we know that it will take time. Frequently we expect overnight changes but we know that that's not possible like changing your own habits. It takes a little while. We look forward as nppc members to partnering with the city in doing the ongoing considerations of

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current and future policy and budget changes. The socioeconomic health of our community depends on our urgent short and longer term policies that guide toward a transformation. The previous normal was unjust to bipoc communities. We now have the opportunity to create a new normal. We'll just have to go with the flow. So thank you again and thank you, commissioners, both city council and all of our commissioners who spoke today. Everyone who has served in the past or currently commissioners and will be joining us. Thank you again. Open for any questions.

Wheeler: Thank you. Excellent. Colleagues, any questions or thoughts? I just want -- commissioner Fritz, go ahead.

Fritz: Thank you. That was a really provocative and helpful list, doctor, in terms of the next steps that need to be done. Particularly intrigued with the need to collaborate with the counties and i'm thinking of Washington county as well as Multnomah county. Do you know if there is anything similar to the new Portlanders policy commission going on in either of those places?

Butti: May I speak? The city of beaverton there is community for immigrants and refugees. We have liaison there. But there's not like -- not to the level of even a council. There's even an advisory board. It's not level with what the city of Portland is doing. We are grateful for the city of Portland taking this initiative.

Fritz: Thank you.

Butti: We have no other things in other counties.

Fritz: We'll have to do something about that. Perhaps I can help with that. I serve as the city's representative on the league of Oregon cities, so I have been developing relationships with the city council members in Washington county and Multnomah county. So I would be happy to see how I can partner with commissioner eudaly and your commission to start establishing more of those connections moving forward because it obviously does need to be a metro area initiative because we have people living in all of those places. Thank you. That's really interesting.

Wheeler: Thank you. Anyone else? Very good. I also want to thank you for your testimony and I really want to acknowledge the testimony you gave us from the perspective of the impact on young people in our schools. We're certainly hearing testimony from other individuals that is similar, and I want to thank you for sharing that information. June, thank you for working with us to patch through the technology, make this work this afternoon so that everybody could be heard. Commissioner eudaly, I want to thank you in particular for your leadership on this, bringing this forward today, not only the annual report of the commission but as well the important proclamation you made. I want to thank you for your leadership in that regard. If there are no other questions at this particular time then I will accept a months and second to accept the report of the new Portlanders policy commission.

Liu: Could I make a comment?

Wheeler: Go ahead, evelyn.

Liu: We do look forward to meeting each one of the commissioners or at least with their chiefs of staff. We are well aware this is a really challenging time for everyone. But getting to know who we are we would appreciate a little bit of time again so that you would get to know us also so that we could work together. Maybe assist in any way that we can on the items that are on your plate that are pressing.

Wheeler: That's fantastic. Thank you, evelyn, for that generous offer. We all appreciate it. Commissioner Fritz, did you have your hand raised again?

Fritz: I just wanted to say thank you to evelyn for that offer. I was just thinking this morning when I saw this item on the agenda how much I miss meeting with you and your colleagues and how helpful you've been to me. Now that we're getting used to this strange way of interact with each other, and ann, I share your challenges participating by phone.

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It's very difficult. Thank you, evelyn, for helping to work around that. If you could please contact my scheduler I would be happy to set up a meeting. That would be fantastic.

Liu: Excellent. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Likewise, and thank you for the generous offer. I'll entertain a motion and second to accept the new Portlanders policy commission report.

Eudaly: I move the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: I have a motion from commissioner eudaly, a second from commissioner Fritz. Any further discussion? Keelen, please call the roll.

Eudaly: Well, I want to thank marco from civic life and hannah from my office who were the liaisons for helping bring this forward. Of course thank everyone that is here today, evelyn, june, bear and octaviano. I thank you for your years of service and congratulate you. I'll have to find out what you're moving on to next. I'm sure it's something equally exciting and important. I want to appreciate the requests that you have made to us. Very helpful to me in this moment to be given concrete asks that we can start making progress toward because this is intense and overwhelming episode in our history, and the work has to continue. I'm supportive of your work. I'm very interested in your proposals. Just want you to know that the Oregon workers relief fund bridging the digital divide and providing language supports and other accommodations have been top priorities for me throughout this crisis. So I'm glad we're aligned on that. I'm going to end it there and look forward to connecting with you all soon. I vote aye.

Fritz: It really is wonderful to see you all and hear from you. I'll start with addressing the proclamation and thank you for your leadership in deferring these items while we were so busy with the budget and focusing on the black lives matter movement and the protest. That shows great ownership and I appreciate your firm leadership within the community. We are in the middle of two public health crises, the acuity one of covid-19 and the ongoing one of systemic racism towards the black community, the indigenous community and communities of color and to all immigrant and refugee communities. The proclamation affirms the city's recognition of how anti-asian american and pacific islander xenophobia continues to affect your communities disproportionately and the pandemic disproportionate impact due to folks being vulnerable due to economic inequality, health disparities and social exclusion. Thank you to each of you. Thank you, ann downing. What a sobering recounting of the challenges that your students, your asian students have endured throughout this pandemic. I think of how long I have been isolated by myself at home and the days seem to stretch into years. For them that also must be the case that being shunned by their peers and not feeling safe even less safe in the community, I really feel for them. Thank you, ann, for your many years, decades of taking care of those students at david douglas high school and for all that you've taught me over the years. I greatly appreciate you and your value to the community and your years of teaching and your service to the commission. We have seen throughout the years from the black deaths to ebola, now covid, xenophobia and public health are strongly linked and so with the resolution we proclaim that we will not tolerate these actions any more in the city of Portland. Thank you also for the new Portlanders commission report. That list is like a list of all stars of the immigrant refugee communities and exemplifies the leadership and it's fantastic to see how many different communities are represented in your commission. So I'm very happy that it has continued to blossom after I got it started in 2016. Thank you to long time staff member linda castillo, who was very important and was in some of the photographs we saw. I did want to mention that commissioner hardesty would have been here. She has a long-standing absence this week that it was very important to her to support the immigrant and refugee communities and I know she appreciates it. The ability to focus on the budget and police accountability over the past three weeks. I would be very

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appreciative of getting some recommendations on different languages to the list of safe harbor languages in the city of Portland. My staff tatiana and the office of equity and human rights have been doing work on language access. I would be happy to talk with representatives and to get your recommendations about which additional languages to move forward. It's really encouraging and inspiring to hear that despite all that's going on with the pandemic and with xenophobia in the community that you're still focused on these are the steps that we need to take to truly value new Portlanders. As I mentioned I would be very happy to work with the council members from different jurisdictions in Washington and Multnomah county to see if we can before I believe, which is now six months and a little bit, get something established for a partnership there. Look forward to meeting with you and let's maybe focus on that when we meet. I feel very blessed to be a new Portlander myself. Two others of my staff were not born in this country. Two more are the daughters of immigrants. So we while acknowledging our city as a whole does not yet reflect the diversity in our community and the richness of our community. I have been very blessed with the staff I have had over the last 11-plus years to be informed by folks who have different backgrounds, different perspectives and just the richness that that has given to me has been so helpful. Thank you to song kwan who helped me with preparation for this session. Thank you all each and every one of you. The commission takes a lot of time and takes a lot of work to start it. Thank you, marco, for taking up that work. For each of you for the work you've done and the work that you will do. Octaveus, I wish you all the best in your next endeavor. Johns hopkins is very impressive. Thank you -- octaviano. I got that wrong. I'm just really excited as you can tell. This commission has always been super important to me and it makes me really happy to know that you have taken a concept and made it blossom into something that is going to endure and continue to help the city grow and develop. I'm very happy to vote aye.

Wheeler: Well, the first mistake I made today is I chose to go right after commissioner Fritz. [laughter] commissioner Fritz, I want to acknowledge you as well. I gave commissioner eudaly the credit she deserved for her leadership on these issues, and the leadership that she provided in bringing forward the proclamation today as well as her and her team's hard work with the bureau, the office of community and civic life to help orchestrate today's events, but I would be completely remiss, commissioner Fritz, if I didn't also acknowledge your leadership, your years of passion and commitment to the issue of new Portlanders as well as equity in general. So I want to thank you. Your enthusiasm is contagious and it's palpable. I even -- evelyn, maybe you could second me on this, I thought I heard commissioner Fritz a couple of times hint that she's going to stay actively engaged even after she's retired from the Portland city council. That's the first opportunity I have heard to keep her here and to keep her engaged and on an issue where she's so passionate and thoughtful in her response. I hope we can persuade her over the next several months to stick around and work with us on some of these issues. I just want to acknowledge you. I have learned in the last several weeks that leadership comes in many forms. The concept of leadership that most americans are familiar with is charging up the hill and being in the lead and defining both the message and the actions and the strategy. That's sort of the american way. But it's not always the right way. What I have learned in recent weeks is sometimes you can lead by actually stepping back and stepping aside and taking the opportunity to elevate other people, other lived experiences, and other voices and instead taking that opportunity to be an ally, to be a strong, genuine ally. You exhibited that in spades when you made the decision to withhold the report at the height of the local demonstrations to make sure that black voices had the opportunity to be elevated in the middle of a movement that is elevating and is centered around black people here in Portland as well as nationally. I want to acknowledge that profound moment of leadership on your part. It made a huge impression on all of us here at city hall. I want to

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acknowledge that. Number 2, I want to acknowledge that even before the covid crisis was really taken seriously here in the state of Oregon, in the city of Portland, the aapi community was already feeling its impacts. We know this because even before we declared a state of emergency, in fact weeks before we declared a state of emergency, we were already organizing through prosper Portland aid to the jade district. The reports we were getting out of the jade district was that xenophobia and racism was leading to in particular restaurants but not exclusively restaurants in the jade district seeing their business dropping off precipitously at a time when other businesses throughout the city of Portland were still thriving. That was a wakeup call to a lot of us that this pandemic was going to have a scapegoating component to it. In fact, some people were and even still are referring to this as the china virus. I was pleased that we were able to work together with the appi community and the folks in the jade district, apano and others to orchestrate quick relief to the jade district. That work is not over and that is something i'm committed to going forward. Yesterday some of us had the opportunity to participate in a really profound event. It was a commemoration and remembrance of vincent chin. He of course was an asian american, a person living here in the united states who was brutally murdered, and those who murdered him received a grand total of \$3,000 in fines and parole. That was basically it. That was what at the time was the value of his life according to the judicial system here in the united states of america. That of course galvanized the aapi community nationally and has continued to galvanize that community. Standing there yesterday with all of those leaders from different backgrounds, different lived experiences, to hear state senator lou frederick who I thought did an eloquent job of connecting the black lives matter movement and the lived experience of black people in the united states and in Portland, connecting that to other communities in particular the aapi community in Oregon was a profound moment and reminder that even though the moment we're in is elevating black lives there is so much intersectionality between that movement and the work that you do on the new Portlanders commission and the values that are espoused in the proclamation that commissioner eudaly read this afternoon. Finally, three, I will say this. The work that your commission does is more important than it has ever been right now. We get called the whitest city in america all the time. Frankly, I cringe when I hear it, and it makes me want to redouble our efforts to be supportive of the communities that we do have and I like to talk about the engagement and the leadership and the resourcefulness of the communities that we do have in our community and this commission I think is one of the great things that we do to elevate voices that are not voices of the majority. I appreciate the fact that all of you who serve on this commission do so oftentimes understanding that it could cause you to reopen old wounds, old injustices, it could cause you to have to genre cite painful aspects of lived experience so that the rest of us can benefit from that understanding and I would acknowledge that it is a burden personally and professionally for you to have to do that in service to the community, but I can't tell you how much I admire your willingness to do that. So it is with great support and passion and even love for what you do and who you are that i'm happy to vote aye. The report is accepted. Thank you, commissioner eudaly, for reading the proclamation. I believe, keelen, unless i'm mistaken, that completes our business for this afternoon. Is that correct?

McClymont: That's correct.

Wheeler: Thank you, everyone. Excellent presentation. Excellent testimony. We're adjourned until thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Bye-bye, everybody.

Liu: Thank you.

Fritz: Bye-bye.

Butti: Thank you.

Merecias: Thank you, everyone.

Wheeler: Bye-bye

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Wheeler: This is the thursday, june 25, afternoon session of the Portland city council. Keelen, please call the roll. [roll call taken] city council according to state code, Portland city code and stay home council is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available for public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. It's available on the youtube channel, www.Portlandoregon.gov/video. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and need to limit in-person contact and to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you for your understanding as we manage through this challenging situation to conduct the city's business. Now we will hear from legal council on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney: Good afternoon. You may sign up in advance with the city council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The published agenda contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization please identify it. Presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or refusing to conclude your testimony when time is up or interrupting testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that the meetings are being recorded.

Wheeler: Thanks, matt. We have two items, the first is 509. Please read it. Very good. We'll turn this over to madam auditor. Good afternoon.

Mary Hull Caballero, Portland City Auditor: Good afternoon, mayor, i'm mary hull caballero here today to talk about recent projects from my office. First elizabeth will introduce you to a new dashboard on implementing my audit recommendations. The dashboard will enable the public to sort and review progress from different perspectives. Next alexander will present audit results from our second cannabis program audit. This looks at cannabis formulation. The first one we already talked about you focused on management of cannabis tax revenue. The final presentation will be made by min, who will walk you through the results of the audit of the lents urban renewal area. Let's get started with the follow-up dashboard.

Elizabeth Pape, Auditor, City Auditor's Office: Hi. I'm elizabeth pape, i'm a performance auditor. I'm going to talk to you about our process and some changes to our process including a new dashboard that tracks recommendation status. We work every quarter to present our findings and when we uncover problems those tend to be the headlines of the discussion but our role is not to just highlight problems, it's to be a catalyst for

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improvement. At the end of every report we issue a series of recommendations intended to make city programs work even better. We track status in five categories. Implemented means the recommendation has been fully implemented by a bureau. In process means that bureaus are on their way to implementation. Slow progress means bureaus have committed to implementation but not made much progress yet. Not implemented means bureaus are not intending to implement a recommendation. Pending means this is a new recommendation and auditors have not yet followed up on it. I'm going to walk you through our dashboard. Don't feel you need to read all of the text on the screen. If you want to navigate the dashboard yourself you can find it at Portlandoregon.gov/audit-services/follow-up. We have always tracked recommendations for internal purposes but added a dashboard to put them in context of other audits and bureaus. We're only tracking status for recommendations since 2018 but will continue to track recommendations for ten years after an audit. For the first two years we proactively ask management for any change in recommendation status and supporting evidence. After two years we'll rely on management to let us know if there have been any changes when they occur. The first page of the dashboard is an introduction, so we're currently tracking 24 audits with 133 recommendations. Just a reminder the pending recommendations are those we have not followed up on yet. They are audits less than a year old. Right now we have a lot of these compared to the other categories because we're just starting this process, but as we collect more recommendations to track this will be the pending will be a lower percentage of recommendations. Pending is different from in process which means that the bureau is working on implementation. So this page allows users to select a bureau to look at recommendations. There's a drop-down tab at the top left side you can select a bureau. So for example this has environmental services selected. You can see we have performed two audits for environmental services. Recommendations are implemented, five are pending and six have slow progress. A table below includes the audit report that the recommendation was associated with, status original recommendation with the date of the recommendation and the update currently status of the recommendation with the date that we last checked in with the bureau. This table we'll be able to sort by any of these columns so if you want to sort by audit you can sort it here. If you want to sort by status sort it here. The next page allows you to look at details by audit. There's a drop-down list here where you can select your audit by title. Here I selected the cleanups of homeless camps audit. It includes narrative summary of the audit and status and then the table with the bureau, the status of the recommendation, recommendation and the update. There's a link on this page so that you can go to see the full report or the follow-up report. Recommendation that -- if there are any questions i'm happy to answer them now.

Eudaly: I have a quick question.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you for that. I'm really excited about the dashboard. I think it will be so helpful for us as well as the community. Do all of the recommendations from the audits make it on to the follow-up reporting dashboard?

Pape: Yes, they do. As soon as we publish an audit I update the record to add them. They will be pending when the audit is first published. The follow-up is published as well.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: I think this dashboard is excellent, elizabeth. I commend you and the auditor. Makes a lot of sense, easily accessible, it's clear. Really good work on this.

Pape: If there are no other questions we move to alexandra.

Wheeler: Looks like you did a good job and you answered everyone's questions proactively, thank you.

Alexandra Fercak, Auditor for the City Auditor's Office: Good afternoon. I'm Alexandra Fercak. Performance auditor. I will present the cannabis program audit. In this audit what

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we did is we outlined what an effective regulatory program is and how it's missing some of the management fundamentals to improve regulation of the industry. When the city legalized cannabis city council directed the office of community and civic life in order to develop and manage the regulatory process. Also to be responsive to developing industry while at the same time balancing business and public health needs. While civic life oversees the recreational cannabis regulation it's important to point out that the full process actually involves different city bureaus such as bureau of development services for code enforcement and the fire bureau and also it includes the regulation by the state of Oregon. This audit focused only on the functions of civic life's program. I should also point out this is the second audit on cannabis regulations. The first was a review of the city's use of recreational cannabis sales staff which we published in may of 2019 so just last year. We are currently conducting a one-year follow-up of the sales tax audit. So the first finding for the program strategy is that the program strategy was not clearly defined. Civic life has various goals for the cannabis program and they finalized a vision document in fall of 2019 just when our field work was wrapping up for this audit. Civic life will use this vision document to finalize the program strategy and action. Some of the challenges raised during this audit included coordination with other city bureaus, lack of enforcement for illegal cannabis sales, and also continued barriers to entry for business owners of color. However in the absence of a clearly defined strategy, civic life risks a scattered approach that does not support city-wide collaboration and does not respond to emerging industry concerns. The second finding was that budget and fees were not based on strategy or workload. So the program is funded entirely by licensing fees. The fees exceeded program expenses after the initial start-up. Now, this could be expected because the scope of the program had not been fully developed. But when the bureau proposed lowering those fees in september of 2018 and council approved it, the new fees were still not based on analysis or a staff workload. Without a defined program activities and accurate information, management must rely on anecdotal information and can't assess budget requirements or identify appropriate licensing fees. So the third finding is that the data on licensing, enforcement and complaints is not reliable. Regulatory programs should document data on key processes such as the time limits of obligation process or enforcement actions and their outcomes. Such programs also need to track complaints from the community and how these complaints are addressed. This information should be used to assess performance outcomes including establishing staffing and budgeting requirements. These practices ensure that decisions are data driven and that the process informs regulation requirements. Civic life reports some data on program performance and the makeup of the cannabis industry. However, due to civic life's challenges with technology and also the consistency of data traveling, our main concern here was that the information available is not complete and that it is not valid. So the last finding was that data does not inform future program direction. So civic life reports publicly on cannabis business license applications received and the type of licenses issued. But it does not track information on industry or public safety trends. In 2019, just last year, civic life commissioned a cannabis market study which would provide some of the information needed to effectively manage the program and also to inform its direction. Of the industry, public consumption and national policy evolved the city's regulatory purpose and priorities may need to be revisited but this does require information on program performance, industry needs, and also public impact. So as far as recommendations, our recommendations to improve program management included to use the program's vision and goals to fully develop and communicate a strategy including coordination with other city bureaus to streamline the licensing and enforcement process and also to focus the work of the program. The second recommendation was to implement a data management system to consistently and accurately track data on licensing, public complaints and also on enforcement. What we

recommended is to use that data to manage resources, adjust licensing fees and report performance. Finally to inform council and the public about cannabis regulation we recommended civic life develop a monitoring report or some kind of other type of communication that includes inform program performance and Portland's cannabis industry. So that concludes my presentation. If you have any questions i'm open to answer those right now.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions for alexandra? I had a sort of weird question. It's not specific to this audit. But it's something that has come up in this audit and others as well related to data and tracking data. I know this is an issue for all of our city bureaus. This is not unique obviously to this particular program. Would it be helpful to have a centralized -- this isn't something we could implement quickly? Would it be helpful to implement a centralized data information management program for all bureaus rather than having 24 separate audits that have different specific recommendations around data management, data management standards and how best to track and report that data? Wouldn't it make sense for us thinking about the financial structure of the city being an analogous example wouldn't it make sense to centralize this?

Fercak: Yes. One of the responses that civic life provided to us was the challenges working with bureau of technology and trying to come up with some kind of data management system. That is something that we see in almost every audit across all the different bureaus is that the bureaus are having problems with data management and data tracking. But then what happens is that you have bureaus sort of like let's say excel spreadsheets that are not really useful when it comes to data tracking. So you're correct. I think working with the bureau of technology and having those tools that they can actually track the data. In this case what we -- a lot of the other cities are doing when it comes to cannabis regulation they are using a third party data management software. That can be costly. That can be complicated and it could be convoluted in many ways but what we are saying is even if you use your own developed system make sure that your system is consistent, that it's valid, that you are really tracking the data that you need to track. Even if you're using your own developed software make sure you're tracking the data that you need for program management.

Wheeler: Thank you. That's helpful and interesting. Commissioner eudaly had a comment or a question.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor, for raising that issue. Technology challenges have been a recurring theme with every bureau I have had in my portfolio. Civic life had requested funding for a data management system in the spring bump that was not funded. It's fairly critical for us to purchase and implement a new system in order to meet the recommendations by the auditor's office so we'll be pursuing that at the next opportunity. Our market study has been delayed because of covid, but that will commence as soon as possible and I wanted to mention that we hired a new cannabis program supervisor, Dasheeda dawson. A major focus for her is coordination work raised in the auditor's report so i'm really excited to get to work with her as we continue to make progress on these issues. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, alexandra. Appreciate it.

Minh Dan Vuong, Auditor, City Auditor's Office: Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. My name is min dan wong. I would like to present about our audit of the lents urban renewal area. This audit was completed a few months ago and it's shown on the map here. The city has made investments in the lents urban renewal area since 2000 to improve the economy, housing and infrastructure and our audit -- has not reported to the public how these investments have actually changed lents. If we don't measure how much progress we're making we cannot make cross corrections and we leave the community wondering if it was worth it. I would like to ask my colleague elizabeth to move to the next

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slide. Thank you. We have ambitious goals for lents. Many come from the 1998 urban renewal plan adopted by city council and some were added more recently. We looked at the 2014 lents five-year action plan. These goals fall into four broad categories, neighborhood liveability, building new and rehabilitated housing, raising wages and supporting jobs, and finally supporting commerce and developing or redeveloping buildings, especially in the town center at 92nd avenue and foster road. The lents neighborhood was and still is home to vulnerable and disadvantaged communities and the urban renewal will spell out specifically support for people of color and existing lents residents. On the next slide we're showing the money that has been spent so far. So to achieve all these goals prosper Portland and the housing bureau spent \$207 million so far. When we met with lents community members many told us they wanted to know more about what urban renewal projects were happening and what has resulted from these investments. So here's how the spending breaks down. Each square on the slide stands for \$1 million. The bulk of the urban renewal money in lents, \$74 million, on the left, went into redeveloping buildings and revitalizing commerce. 41 million went to housing shown in yellow then urban renewal dollars went into infrastructure, administrative costs and a couple of other categories of spending. All the amounts total covering the year 2000 to 2018. We did adjust for inflation. Our audit evaluates the success of the lents urban renewal area. We did that by quantifying economic and equity outcomes. I have a couple of data highlights along four goal areas I want to share. First up in neighborhoods we see lents houses more people of color now than in the year 2000 and it's the start of urban renewal but this growing population largely rents rather than owning homes. One goal of urban renewal was to increase the homeownership rates for people of color. On the next slide is another data point about neighborhoods. We are seeing in the land use data that lents has fewer vacant residential lots, these a positive development. You can see for lents the orange line trending down. To put changes in lents since 2000 in context we often compared it to an area nearby, montavilla and [audio not understandable] this did not get urban renewal investment. Both our comparison area and the city as a whole also saw a downward trend in vacant residential property. Housing affordability is a big concern still in lents. House prices soared city-wide as you know. A little bit less so in lents as you can see with the yellow line here. Nevertheless three of five renters in lents were burdened by rental costs which means they spent more than 30% of their income on housing and that is worse than in our comparison area and also worse that city-wide. On my next slide urban renewal funds helped build housing, affordable housing. The city has contributed to about 600 affordable housing units in lents. These units make up 6% of the housing stock in lents. We contrast that with montavilla where barely any new affordable housing units were built because there's no urban renewal money available in our comparison area. But we also found that urban renewal -- the city's goals for building affordable housing in lents date back to 2005 and thus outdated now. Next I want to look at jobs and income. Jobs in lents have grown by 36% since the beginning of urban renewal and this exceeded the growth in our comparison area and city-wide. But on the flip side we are concerned. On my next slide I have wage data. We are concerned that wages and incomes are down in lents. Prosper Portland has a goal for middle wage job creation and for self-sufficiency. Middle wage job is defined about \$46,000 per year but when you look at the data for lents the median household income has fallen and is now below the middle wage goal. Poverty in lents was worse than in montavilla and city-wide. The number of businesses in lents has grown and urban renewal investments have been concentrated in the lents town center area. Where many large projects receive millions of dollars in urban renewal support. For example, the asian health and service center, lets commons, oliver station and woody guthrie place now are open and provide affordable housing, market rate housing and commercial space. Oliver station got \$22 million and the brewpub located in the bakery

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block got about \$1 million from urban renewal funds. Further developments are planned for the bakery block and the 92nd site. The 1998 urban renewal plan september anti-displacement goals when calling for housing and jobs to benefit existing lents residents all the way back then already. Across the city has had racial equity goals for the better part of this decade but we think the analyses fell short. Prosper Portland did not have equity analyses specific to major projects such as the lents town center I just mentioned and until 2019 actually prosper Portland's own equity policy required exactly that. The agency cited area-wide studies from the beginning of the decade and pointed to programs that already exist for example community organizations contracting requirements holding public meetings and give renters to diverse businesses in prosper Portland funded space. Gentrification has accelerated in lents and affects much of east Portland and the maps show a darker red and blue gentrification has accelerated since 2010. Prosper Portland's management told us that progress should be measured by which projects were planned and completed and that is important, sure, but we also think it's important to evaluate the results of these projects in the community. Is housing more affordable? Have we met our goals? You have to look at how the economy has changed as a result of these investments and where goals may need to be adjusted. This is what we are asking prosper Portland to report to you and to the public. These are our recommendations stemming from the audit. That concludes my presentation. If you would like more detail you can download our full audit report and detailed data from our website and we would be now happy to answer your questions.

Wheeler: Thank you. Anyone have any questions? In your analysis, I think it's provocative and I appreciate it, the way we do tend to measure these things as prosper Portland indicated to you is investments are made in projects and then success is defined by whether or not the project is successful. You're making a case for a broader question which is are the projects either adequate or sufficient in number to move the dial on the broader dynamics of the community, the economics, gentrification, the question of housing affordability, which I think is provocative and I do think it's important. I wonder if in your audit did you actually connect with stakeholders or community groups in lents to find out what kind of data points they would like to see measured?

Vuong: Yes, mayor. During our audit we spent a lot of time in lents. We met with stakeholders, community groups, residents. We were open to folks contacting us asking us questions, providing input and what we heard a lot was that community members were interested in getting a lot more information from prosper Portland about urban renewal. I feel like there was a real thirst for information and so we got a lot of these questions on how much money has been spent, what projects were funded, what's in the pipeline, what has been completed, where has the money gone. We also got a lot of questions, concerns about affordable housing, how many units were built, where are they, what has the city promised, and how have we fulfilled those promises for affordable housing.

Wheeler: I appreciate that. I liked the slide in particular where you had the square for each million you categorized it and i'm envisioning in my mind that you could go one level down from that and then identify the specific projects that were funded in each of those categories with the millions of dollars identified on that chart and then each project could be further broken out in terms of contributions either to affordable housing or streetscape or business development for economic prosperity. It feels like you have built a template which could be really valuable and I just want to acknowledge that. Thank you for your hard work on this. I see commissioner eudaly has her hand raised.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. On the lents the only goal i'm seeing on the tracker is periodic reporting of economic results, so i'm curious how this will address the community concerns that the city isn't doing enough to help bipoc community members and low income households in lents.

Vuong: Yes, commissioner. Our recommendation was that our specific recommendation language was that prosper Portland should begin and the housing bureau continue to periodically measure economic results for the goals they have set. I just want to reiterate that we have over the years we have had many plans addressing what should happen in lents. Of course the original urban renewal plan in 1998, the lents action plan in 2014, these documents really did spell out in quite a lot of detail ambitious goals for lents, for neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, housing, affordable housing construction and so on. So we think that the first step here for transparent and performance measurement and reporting should be comparing what has actually happened, what has the city done and what has actually happened in the economy and in the housing market against our existing goals. The second and third part of our recommendation are to update goals as needed and to also report to the public. So from the stakeholders that we met in lents there was a lot of interest in what the city has done, but they were hungry for information, more detail on specifically what projects have we funded, how much money went into supporting homeowners, how much money went into specific development projects such as oliver station or the 72 foster and how much support has gone to businesses and storefront improvement grants. I think back in 2014, for example, in the lead up to the 2014-15 lents action plan prosper Portland and community members held several meetings and I envision that when prosper Portland and the housing bureau revisit the goals and look at the data and they have begun doing that after our audit that could lead to further conversations and meetings with the community as well.

Wheeler: I want to thank you for that. The information you're suggesting the community would like to see i'm guessing is readily available in the bureaus, particularly in prosper in the housing bureau. My question for you is did the public indicate how they would like that information conveyed? Are they asking for a newsletter or just clear information on the bureau's websites? Did they indicate how they would like to receive that information?

Vuong: Mayor, we did not dive into that level of detail when we asked our stakeholders and community members, and you're right, some of the information is readily available from budgets and financial reports from prosper Portland or the housing bureau on strategic plans. Memoranda to the prosper Portland board as well but some data was not readily available and actually needed to be analyzed, some of the detail on the demographic changes, employment trends and then of course putting that into context and drawing the comparisons.

Wheeler: Okay. More specific data as well as broader narrative about the dynamics of the community?

Vuong: I think some community members have expressed to prosper Portland before that they would like meetings and information to be broadly accessible and that means evening meetings so that working people can attend if they want to, and also having translation or interpretation available and so we strove with our audit report also to make our report accessible so it is pretty short compared to our lengthier audit reports and it's available on our website and in hard copies if folks want to request them.

Wheeler: Good work. Thank you. I see commissioner Fritz has her hand raised.

Fritz: Thank you, mayo and, thank you Minh for this audit. We did receive an email from nick Sauve with rose community development expressing disappointment that he was not able to testify at this hearing. Just in response it's a comment, not a question Minh, a comment in response to the mayor's question, it was -- I found the audit reports more a richer experience and that they appropriately developed, had more community engagement when we had them as resolutions and the public was allowed to testify on them. We're talking the mayor's question was how would the community like to get that information. It would be really great if we had community members and maybe in the future maybe it's not a resolution, the auditor doesn't like us to accept them, but maybe invited

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testimony from community members who informed especially reports that are more outward facing like this one compared with the internal one. Even for the cannabis report it would have been interesting to have had community comment. As I say not a question, it's more of a process suggestion moving forward that when we engage our community, when the report comes to council, they get to say their own thoughts in their own words. Thanks.

Wheeler: Good point, commissioner. Any other questions for Minh? Thank you. Excellent report. Appreciate it.

Vuong: Thank you.

Hull Caballero: Mayor, that concludes the presentation.

Wheeler: Colleagues, that completes the presentation. I know this is listed as a report here but I also want to respect what the auditor has asked that we not formally vote to accept the report, so I'll just turn to legal counsel. Is it sufficient that we have the hearing?

Farley: Well, it's a matter of recognition I would like to hear why the auditor wouldn't want to vote on it, but otherwise it's not absolutely necessary that council vote to accept it. But it's up to the council.

Wheeler: Auditor, has your opinion changed or is there more elucidation you can give to Mr. Farley?

Hull Caballero: I can provide more information. We come to council approximately quarterly just to present the information to you as a group. These reports have already been published; they are published under the authority of my office. It's not necessary that you approve them or take a vote. We're just here to present the information. That's what we're doing. For independence purposes. You have no role whether to accept it or not. We believe it's just for your information.

Wheeler: Could these be listed in the future -- I'm sorry to put you on the spot. Maybe we can do this offline at a different time. Periodically we hear presentations council lists them as presentations on the agenda. Is there any reason we could not do that with audit reports?

Farley: I think depending on the type of report, the answer could be different, but what we have heard today I think it's up to the council on whether they would like to vote on it to accept it but they certainly do not have to do that. It's maybe just more of a policy question of whether from the auditor's perspective whether it means anything to have some reports adopted by council and others not, like somewhat of a stamp of approval or for status of the report. But again, it's up to the council on whether they would like to take a vote. But there's certainly no legal requirement for these audit reports that we have heard for the council to vote on them.

Wheeler: I don't feel strongly either way. My role here is to hear the report, hear what the auditor's team has come up with, acknowledge that I have heard it, ask whatever questions come to mind. Commissioner Fritz, do you have an opinion on this?

Fritz: Yes, as a matter of professional courtesy the auditor has asked us not to vote on them so I think we should respect her request.

Wheeler: I don't hear any legal objection from Mr. Farley. Commissioner Eudaly, any thoughts on your end?

Eudaly: No.

Wheeler: Good. Then we have heard the presentation, madam auditor, thank you for the great work. Three really solid audits and presentations. I just want to circle back to the beginning. I really like the dashboard. I think that's an excellent addition to the way that things are presented. It's very clear, straightforward, easy for people to find the information. I applaud you for that. So thank you.

Hull Caballero: Thank you.

Wheeler: It's exactly 2:45 p.m., colleagues. That means we can jump into our second time certain. Keelen, please read 510.

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Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. My apologies. The lawnmower just started once again just in time for thursday afternoon session. The joys of being a renter.

Wheeler: That must have the shortest lawn in the entire city.

Eudaly: It's our courtyard and parking strip. Yeah. So before I begin my remarks I would like to move to introduce substitute exhibit a, sent out in the tuesday memo.

Wheeler: Second. Any further discussion on the substitute? Keelen, please call the roll on placing the substitute on the table.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: These are just technical amendments. Aye.

Wheeler: No objection whatsoever. I vote aye. The substitute is on the table.
Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Mayor, my run of show starts with you and then me then I hand it off.

Wheeler: You'll be happy to know that my talking points are short and I don't have them so i'll make them up then turn it over to you. We're here today to discuss the get moving 2020 regional transportation bond. This is an opportunity for the city council and the public at large to hear from our partners in this and to hear a presentation on what will be on the november 2020 ballot. This is our opportunity as a council to support that effort and so we'll be hearing from our regional partners on this collaborative work. Commissioner eudaly is the transportation commissioner has been engaged in these conversations for many months now and I applaud her hard work and the hard work of her team to bring this forward. I look forward to hearing more about it today. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. After over 20 task force meetings i'm pleased to introduce this resolution for council's consideration in support of the get moving regional transportation funding measure. I was proud to bring the city's safety, sustainability and equity priorities to every corridor and program considered by the task force. It was also important to me that community voices were heard and included in this process. So I want to thank the task force and I want to thank the getting there together coalition for their diligent work and valuable input throughout this process as well as sunrise movement pdx for showing up and giving powerful testimony before almost every meeting which I think really helped the task force focus on the importance of both climate and youth voice in this conversation since these corridors will shape our city and our region for decades to come. By listening to the community we developed an ambitious, focused, well supported proposal. Before I turn it over to president peterson I would like to highlight a few of the transformational elements of this proposal. It includes investments on 16 of the region's most important corridors for businesses and communities. They are critical routes for transit. This proposal will transform these corridors with street lighting, sidewalks and safer intersections and include corridors along 82nd avenue, 122nd avenue, and 162nd avenue all in east Portland region, an area of our city that has suffered from historic under-investment in our transportation infrastructure. The proposal also includes regional funding for youth pass, something that I have been rallying for for three and a half years now. So that's satisfying. It also includes \$230 million for community stability with a focus on anti-displacement surrounding investment corridors. This funding is in addition to our tenant protections, regional and city housing measures and the homeless services measure funding. So my hope is that we'll really make some progress on the anti-displacement front. It was a pleasure to have worked so closely with my fellow task force members from across the region and this measure is an example of what is possible when we all work together. I will now turn it over to metro president lynn peterson and andy shaw to provide more detail on this proposal. Welcome, president peterson and andy.

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Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President: Thank you so much, commissioner eudaly. Thank you, mayor. Thank you, commissioner Fritz, for being willing to spend time with us talking through where we're at and where we're headed in the next couple of weeks. I'm thrilled to present the get moving 2020 measure. While we're spending more time at home these days you don't have to think back very far to remember in february when we all spent more time waiting for the bus, sitting in traffic or felt nervous even crossing the street. For some of us that time waiting in traffic is just inconvenient. For others it's the difference between making it to your job on time or not, getting to school or dropping out, making it home to tuck your kids in bed or not seeing them again that evening. Rebuilding our transportation system not only helps save lives it helps people live the lives that they want rather than waiting for the bus or sitting in traffic. If any of you have tried to move around the region recently people are back out and congestion is on the rise again. So now in this moment in time we have that opportunity to rebuild our transportation system and our economy to come out of this covid moment and this racial justice movement stronger, better prepared for the future. Again moving measure focuses on things our region need to help move safely, affordably and easily. From building the region's first rapid bus network to rebuilding 86 miles of our most dangerous streets I recognize the time, effort and resources commissioner eudaly has put into participating over 20 meetings. Thank you so much on the city's behalf her input and insight were extremely helpful. Thank you, commissioner. Your staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure we have the best information available to our task force and help the over all risk as we created this measure through the identification and design of projects and places like 82nd avenue, 122nd avenue, allina and the central city. To meet the needs of the people who live and work there we need to get some stuff built. We'll rebuild our transportation system and our economy and deliver projects to people we all represent that will save lives, make our air cleaner, help people get around more quickly and affordably and put thousands of people back to work with family wage jobs. With that we'll start the power point presentation. Just to remember that we are all still one region. You can advance the slide. For a year and a half metro has worked with community leaders, partners and the public to shape a transformative investment package to get our region moving. We have built a plan to make it safer and easier to get where they need to go, it prioritizes out comes, the people of greater Portland want from their transportation system like safety, reliability access to transportation options and economic opportunity. It's a plan that we developed with our task force with a lens on racial equity and focus on meeting our region's ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emission. The get moving transportation investment measure is a jobs measure that will put tens of those of Oregonians to work directly and help tens of thousands more as our economy recovers. It's a measure that will help keep our community strong in the years ahead and most of all, commissioner, I now have one more as well. Most of all we have worked hard to make sure a number of the projects in this measure are at the starting line. We have worked very hard to reduce the risks to the region to make sure we can deliver the projects in this package. Our local partners are truly ready to get moving. Next. We still need to think big, though. The Portland region is a special place and we enjoy close knit communities, beautiful areas of vibrant and diverse cultural life. It's not a mystery why millions want to call the region home. It's my opinion we have not invested in ourselves in almost four decades. The state has not made significant investments in this region until about 2017 when we had hb 2017 at the state level. Even then it was a down payment to the actual needs of this region not on the scale we have seen in other states that we compete against. The federal dollars have not kept up with inflation. We have had a culture of noninvestment for the four decades because we were worried as a people about being too attractive that people might move here. Well, they did anyway. We are now behind in keeping up with our economy moving. We have seen

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decade after decade of steady growth even in the great recession barely slowed influx of new neighbors. As recently as 2018 greater Portland saw 2,000 births and arrivals every month, a city bus of new faces every day. Even as the pace ebbs and flows we expect a half million more residents in the coming decade. The following sets of slides show where we have been since 1910 in terms of our growth. Decades of growth have brought many benefits to greater Portland including historic increases in property values, thousands of jobs and greater economic opportunity. This growth that you're seeing today also comes with cost most notably a crisis in affordable housing, encroachment from development in our national areas and pressure on our transportation system. There we go. From 1910 to 2020 that's a lot of growth. Thank you, Andy. So what have we been doing to make sure we can make sure that this region remains livable, affordable and safe? We have been working as a region with all of you to make sure that we tackle some of the largest issues in our area. We passed the country's first ever regional affordable housing bond measure in 2018. Renewed a bond to continue to protect clean air and water and increase access to parks and recreational areas. Last month fund services to get people housed and remain housed. Next. What we has really looking forward to is moving the transportation package, the last out of the series that get moving funding measure will put tens of thousands -- 37,000 estimate conservative estimate back to work with family wage jobs. The plan was developed with an unprecedented level of public involvement and deep engagement. Our task force met over the last year and a half sometimes twice a month. Local investment teams brought the lived experience of diverse residents face to face with planners and engineers to ensure that local investments truly reflect how people need to use the system. Thousands of online survey comments, hours of public testimony, dozens of community workshops and hundreds of presentations to local governments and businesses people have told us clearly what they want. We're going to deliver with the investments that will drive our region's economic recovery. Here's how. Andy?

Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs, Metro: Sorry, had to unmute myself. So we want to put the region back to work so everyone can get where they need to go safely and on time. We want to put the region back to work so we can breathe cleaner air and meet our climate goals. We want to put the region back to work to ensure that our investments and our region's recovery benefit everyone including communities that have long been excluded from Portland's prosperity. We want to put the region back to work so people can get to work without spending extra time stuck in traffic. We also want to put the region back to work so we're prepared for the next emergency. This is the burnside bridge, one of the signature resiliency investments in the over all package. Lastly we'll put the region back to work while ensuring our communities are stronger and more resilient, avoiding displacement and disruption that have been involved in past major transportation investments. What will we build? We want to relieve key bottlenecks and prevent future ones. Looking at 115 to 120 miles of roadway improvements and we also want to make sure we're continuing plan for the future one of the challenges we found with the state transportation package and often at the federal level is we haven't done all the planning work to be competitive at those levels, so while we have done a fantastic amount of planning as council president noted for this package we want to continue that so we're ready for the next stimulus package and the next state package. We want to get buses out of traffic so everyone can get there on time. 25 to 30 miles of new bus lanes and 260 new traffic signal improvements. Those are smart signals to help both buses get priority but also to move vehicles and freight more efficiently and reliably through key intersections across the region. We're also looking at as you know the new max light-rail lane to serve residents along the i-5 corridor Portland to tualatin including the 75,000 new faces we expect to see in this area over the next year. And as commissioner eudaly noted we heard very strongly the concern about safety and really investing in safer streets across the

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region. So we're making investments to avoid hundreds of deaths and serious injury in the region's most dangerous roads and streets. Lastly we will make sure we're making it safe to share the road. 130 to 140 miles of improved bike lanes across the region. Just a little bit of a highlight here around safety we know the city council is prioritized investments in safety to really serve our most vulnerable populations who walk, bike and take transit so they cannot be hit or killed. This measure does the same at the regional scale, investing in safety improvements like sidewalks, crosswalks, street lights. We do want to acknowledge that safety and safe streets means a lot of different things. The event of last few weeks have reminded us of anything it's that crosswalks and sidewalks are not enough to make people feel safe if their government and institutions of power are not protecting and valuing their lives. We feel good about these investments that will help make crossing the street safer but we know there's a lot more work to do. This is a focus on reducing the risk of people getting hit or killed by a car but we have a lot more work to make our streets really safe. So where will we build it? I think i'm passing it back to you, council president. Or I could keep going.

Peterson: This is the most exciting part, the package, this map. What we asked commissioner eudaly and her task force members to do was not to do intersection here or an interchange there. We asked them to actually build a transportation system for the future. So what you're seeing on here is what we asked the task force to do is not with that incremental approach but something more visionary that makes a difference on the affordability, the safety and the predictability of movement around the region. They started with corridors and ranked them based on those measures and the racial equity -- these are the 16 that they prioritized and they represent over 150 separate projects within those 16 corridors. This measure leverages investments in a critical network including long neglected corridors that link people to job centers across the area. Some of these include long city streets like burnside or southwest 185th and many are old state highways like tv, mclaughlin and 82nd avenue which now must serve both commuters and people living in dense urban neighborhoods. All connect working families to growing employment areas. In fact these 16 corridors represent 60% of employees within the region, which is an amazing investment in our economic vitality. It invests in safety, reliability and transportation options along these corridors making the system work better for anyone now and in the future and more importantly 150 projects that have been scoped and ready for investment so work can begin as soon as funding is available.

Shaw: Just a quick highlight of some of the key corridors in Multnomah county and then i'll walk through briefly because I think we have more presenters some of the highlights of these corridor investments. So southwest corridor you're quite familiar with, extension of the max light-rail line from downtown south of Portland down to tigar and tualatin, 11 miles of new light-rail line there, 11 miles back. This investment includes miles of sidewalks and safe mark crossing, improved bikeways, new street lights and miles of bus lanes along the way. 82nd avenue a sort of signature investment in the measure, this is we're hoping we can push enhanced transit as far as possible potentially to the point of being able to draw dawn federal funds through the fta. This is an example of what one of the routes that the council president spoke of. Older state highway that has been replaced by highway 205 but now serves really as multiple main streets through a vibrant areas of that part of Portland. Really investing in the ability of people to move around in this corridor using -- this is I think the highest transit use and your staff can help me with that, highest transit use of any corridor in the package, maybe even in the region. Central city we're making investments in your central city in motion plan. Not every single project but miles of new sidewalks, crossings, bus lanes and improved bikeways. Importantly a study of the possibility of moving light-rail through downtown underground. 122nd avenue major safety improvements, enhanced transit and many other improvements to signals, street lights,

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safe crossings -- 162nd similar to 122nd a focus on safety, enhanced transit, miles of new sidewalks, safe crossings, new transit signal priorities as well as 20 to 25 miles of new bus lanes. I think this is actually the edge of Portland so this is a shared project between Gresham and the city of Portland. Pauls Boulevard, building off of many past safety improvements that have already been made through local funds and state funds, but making additional safety improvements and planning for potential light-rail out Powell. Albina vision is a series of surface improvements that are not part of the broader highway project there but are aimed at improving -- anti-displacement funding which is to build off our experience with the southwest equitable development program where we work with community to mitigate the involuntary displacement of folks and a main streets program. All aimed at making places where people can stay, where they can afford to stay, where small businesses can afford to stay. Lastly a series of programs largely connected to transit. We are working with TriMet to allow them to not buy another diesel bus as of I think the date is 2024. Replace the entire fleet with electric buses, reducing the diesel emissions that come from TriMet buses currently. I believe unfortunately TriMet buses are the largest single source of diesel emissions in the region so this will have a huge impact on air quality in the region. We're also pleased as Commissioner Eudaly noted to be able to stand up a youth pass program and we're working there to ensure out the gate that we can provide youth passes to high school, all high school students in the region and we're working to expand to as broad a group as possible including down to middle school and elementary school students as we get more experience with how broad the use is of this youth pass is. We want to make additional investments in better bus and the ability of buses to move through crowded intersections outside of just the 16 key corridors that we're investing in. We also want to continue to invest in future corridor planning so we're setting aside a small amount of resource to do ongoing planning. There's also a lot of resource included directly in the measure as some of the places have noted earlier for continued corridor planning. So all of this work came out of the fantastic work that our task force did. This is a picture you can see Commissioner Eudaly on the right and other members of our task force. There were 22 meetings over the course of about 14 months, often twice a month. We were able to gain unanimous support for 90% of the investments that are in these 16 corridors. We're very, very excited to see that level of collaboration, the task force was made up of about a third elected officials, about a third community voices, about a third business leaders. It was very intentional to bring those folks together to attempt to build the kind of consensus we ended up being very successful in achieving. This is actually an image of the local investment team process that we put together over the summer. We had about 28 different meetings of three different local investment teams, one in each of the three counties. 16 bus tours around the region looking at these corridors, getting feedback about what priority we should focus on for investments. That was an incredibly useful bit of community feedback that fed back into the task force and into the prioritization of the corridors. So let's invest in our future. Let's get shovels in the ground. Let's get people back to work. Let's get moving. And that concludes our presentation.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Eudaly, did you have anything else to wrap up before we go to public testimony?

Eudaly: No. I'm good. Thank you, President Peterson and Andy, that was a really lovely wrap-up of the last -- I don't know. Year or so. We really did get a lot done.

Peterson: Yeah.

Shaw: We really did.

Peterson: A lot done.

Wheeler: Excellent presentation. We appreciate you being here. Keelen, do we have any public testimony on this item?

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Chris Warner, Portland Bureau of Transportation Director: I think we have a couple more invited.

Wheeler: I apologize. Go ahead, and Chris, take it from here. Chris, will you signal me when all of the presentations are completed? I can call for public testimony.

Warner: Absolutely.

Wheeler: Appreciate it.

Warner: Okay. For the record, Chris Warner, director of the Portland Bureau of Transportation. Thank you, President Peterson, Andy, that was a great summary of the proposal. Thank you, Commissioner, and your staff for representing the city so well during those infamous 20-plus meetings. To the Mayor and the rest of Council thank you for your support, your values have really helped shape this project and we really appreciate all of your help. It's a pleasure to talk a also bit about where we're going today with this. The proposed investment really represents the region's boldest efforts to meet our safety, equity and climate outcomes. If passed by voters it will allow us to make the improvements. Without this funding we probably wouldn't be able to make for decades. It also represents the best working of the region in terms of listening to our BIPOC communities and following through with commitments to address the inequities in our system. I'm going to first clarify what the resolution is that you will be voting on then highlight some of the next steps. Then I want to do a quick thanking of our agency partners before I turn it over to Commissioner Vega-Pederson, the co-chair of our community. Next slide, please. The resolution before you today documents city council support for the get moving regional investment measure and Portland's commitment to lead and to partner with other agencies in the development of specific projects on the passage of the measure. Metro is asking for similar letters of support from other agencies and jurisdictions that will deliver projects. If it passes PBOt will return to city council with legally binding intergovernmental agreements consistent with the intent of the measure next year. One of the things that we talked about is how we manage the risk. Although we have decades of experience delivering on transportation grants allocated to Metro this funding stream does represent an unprecedented amount of funding for the region. Over the last year the agency staff have worked together to develop cost estimates and project implementation strategies allowing us to manage our risk in project delivery. The process will be further refined in the intergovernmental agreement which we will negotiate after passage of the measure. Next slide, please. So Metro Council as President Peterson alluded to is planning to refer the measure to voters middle of July. If it passes in November then we will be back in 2021 to talk about those intergovernmental agreements which will commit the city to work with partners to deliver the projects. I would like to take a quick moment to thank a few of the agency and community partners that have gotten us there today. Obviously the great work of Metro, Andy and President Peterson, all the great team there really did create and empower very large, diverse community task force that brought us altogether. Andy mentioned the local investments teams and how that helped add such value to the process. I want to thank ODOT for their openness to entering into intergovernmental agreements or jurisdictional transfer I should say as we're moving forward to bring facilities like Barbur and 82nd Avenue into city ownership. We're grateful for that partnership. We also want to thank TriMet, particularly for their continued support for all levels of enhanced transit. We appreciate the agency leaning into these efforts to address displacement which as we noted can really follow some of the major transit investments. The Southwest Corridor is the first time we have booked the transit project and included funds for Prosper Portland and Portland Housing Bureau at the front end to help address displacement. I also want to shout out to TriMet for their support of the 82nd Avenue transit project and programs like Better Bus Pass. I also want to thank Multnomah County for their continued work on the Burnside Bridge which is a critical lifeline and they have been such an

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instrumental partner with us in terms of our shared equity work so thank you, Multnomah county. Hopefully lisa is here from prosper Portland. I want to thank the leadership of the other bureaus who really brought the issue of displacement and really brought to the fore and have helped us address it in this measure. Since we started these conversations the region has implemented the better protection we passed the city and regional housing measures, we passed regional homeless service measures. This measure would provide another over \$200 million in continued investments in community stability. That's something I never would have dreamed of on a transportation project. Linking of transportation, housing and economic development has been very gratifying. I also really want to thank the incredible staff at pbot. I first want to recognize art pearce who has been involved in almost every major transit project in this region for many years. I think he would agree that the broncos in this one have been especially challenging and spirited. So many people to thank. Kristin hull, mark weir, Karla kingsley -- the list goes on and on. Thank you, pbot staff. Also dan from government relations. It has been a collaborative effort with all the city bureaus and it's been a really great to get to this point. I want to thank our community partners. Over two years ago the getting there together coalition formed and really ensured that the proposed regional ballot measure was focused on climate, safety and equity. The state brought a powerful voice to the process and just the unprecedented level of support is very encouraging. I also like to thank the business organizations, business for better Portland and pba, for their openness and additions to this work. Last thing I would like to say is it's important, president peterson talked about jobs. Our recent success with our meeting our goals with our mw esb on fixing our streets serves as a sign of what we need and want to do with additional resources. We're committed to working with metro to make sure that we hit those mw esb goals and this funding will really add to the work we have already been doing. So with that I would like to turn it over to lisa and watch if she is here. There she is.

Lisa Abuaf, Director of Development and Investment, Bureau of Transportation:

Thank you, chris. Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. Thank you, chris. I'm just going to take a brief minute to both thank and acknowledge the work that pbot and metro and quite a number of partner bureaus have been doing as we think about this measure. We're in the process I would say of talking through a partnership structure with metro that would be a regional effort and a reflection of the increased partnership between pbot, the housing bureau, planning bureau and others within the city. And really it I think comes from a place of wanting to demonstrate that our work is changing and that the outcomes that we are prioritizing as we invest in transit measures take into consideration stabilization of communities. In particular we have been thinking through how do some of the programs that prosper offers through things like small business technical assistance or technical assistance to bipoc owned businesses or affordable commercial can partner up with the resources that could be made available through this measure. So I just wanted to take a brief minute to acknowledge that partnership but it is information key and critical to continue going forward to think about how we stabilize communities in their totality from housing to work force to small business development as well as safety and accessibility through transit measures.

Eudaly: Thank you, lisa. If that is all -- I would now like to introduce commissioner jessica vega-pederson, our get moving task force co-chair.

Jessica Vega Pederson, Commissioner, Multnomah County: Good afternoon. So good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners. For the record i'm jessica vega pederson, Multnomah county commissioner for much of southeast and east Portland and was the co-chair of the transportation funding task force. Thanks so much for having me here today. It's a real pleasure to be able to talk about all the work that we did over the past couple of years on this measure. I want to start off by thanking some folks although chris warner did

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an amazing job thanking literally everybody in the world so i'm going to thank him. All the pbot staff who participated in this process as well as commissioner eudaly and your staff for the work you've done. Your partnership and advocacy were a critical part of shaping this measure. Also have to give a shout out to president peterson and the metro staff for the wonderful work this they did getting us to this point as well. This was truly a collaborative process. What I wanted to do today is really talk about two main things. One to provide some additional background on the level of engagement that went into the task force recommendations, talk about the shared values that came out of that and then talk about what this means, this measure means for the community where I live which is east Portland. So as you heard the task force itself included elected officials and diverse collection of community, civic and business leaders from all across the region. 35 members in total. As has also been mentioned the group met over 20 times and made sure to me in different parts of their region as well. One of the things that I think was so special about the process that we went through is that at the very beginning of our work we agreed as a group on the core values that would focus the work that we have ahead of us. Those values were safety, investing in bipoc and low income communities, reducing climate change and air pollution, supporting economic growth and providing transportation options for our communities. So such a diverse group of people to come together and here's values then projects and programic investments speaks the enormous need in our community for transportation investment. There's a recognition of what we needed to do with this measure. We all recognize the need for safe, walkable communities. We all recognize the need to improve bus service, combat climate change and connect communities to employment opportunities and we all recognize that we are a regional system and the regional economy. That the investments that happen in tualatin valley highway, in the west, 181st in the east and the burnside bridge all benefit us collectively. We also all recognize that communities, particularly black and brown communities and low income areas, have not seen the same level of transportation investment in this area and that it is absolutely the right thing to do to invest in those communities with this measure. That's what i'm most proud of. This package has the opportunity to truly move our region forward, making investments in under-served communities, enhancing our transit system, fostering a new generation of transit riders, investing in safety and our region zero goals and accounting for the unrelenting population growth our region has faced and will continue to face. I'm heartened to see major investments in 82nd avenue and 122nd avenue. These streets long ago fell into disrepair and became major dividing lines. They were repelling and dangerous to anyone not in a car rather than main streets that foster community and walkable urbanism. This investment can change that. That will change neighborhoods, livelihoods and experiences for generations of Portlanders to come. When you add these investments to the improvement pbot is making on other major roads and throughout east Portland transportation system, they are meaningful, impactful and wonderful to see. I don't want to give the impression that's all we need because it's not enough but it's making a big difference in the transportation needs of my community. I know that the same is true in other underserved areas, along tv highway, 181st, outer powell boulevard and elsewhere. So thanks so much for the chance today to talk about the work that we did as a task force. This package of investments, thank for all the work you do especially in these challenging times. While we might yearn for normalcy this can rise in a crisis and thrive in an opportunity like we have here today. Thank you.

Wheeler: I thank you, commissioner vega-pederson. We really appreciate you being here today. Thanks for your leadership.

Warner: That concludes the invited testimony.

Wheeler: Very good. Are we ready then for public testimony? Keelen, how many are signed up?

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McClymont: We have seven people signed up.

Wheeler: Three minutes each, name for the record. I'll rely on you to call them out one at a time.

McClymont: Okay. The first person is Kari Schlosshauer

Wheeler: Welcome.

Kari Schlosshauer, Pacific Northwest Regional Policy Manager for Safe Routes Partnership and founding member of Getting There Together Coalition: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes. Loud and clear.

Schlosshauer: Thank you, mayor wheeler and members of the council, both councils. I am the senior policy manager for the Safe Routes Partnership, and I am also a founding member of the Getting There Together Coalition. I use she or they pronouns. I'm here to speak in the getting moving resolution. I expect after these warm introductions it will be easy to support it because it is a great package that will fund many great projects in Portland and across the region. I am excited to see a portion of package dollars allocated to safety and transit and access projects especially long overdue needs on 82nd avenue and other corridors in Portland as well. Beyond thrilled to see ongoing funding for school, ongoing transportation and safety funding ongoing especially expansion of public schools program to high school aged youth region wide. #regionalyouthpass. I want to give kudos to commissioner eudaly and your staff for people to get around Portland more easily and also around the region. This measure could have been very different if not involvement of community every step of the way. Getting there together formed when and because a bond concept emerged that included the southwest corridor light rail line. Our coalition pushed to change that conversation. At the time highlighted the voices that weren't at the table and never really have been. We really appreciate that metro took a new approach and involved the community through new tables and new approaches to determining what the values and priorities and investments should be in this process. Our coalition is broad and diverse. We include more than 60 community-based organizations and getting there together has brought the needs and perspectives from bipoc, youth, working class and transit dependent folk. Advocating for outcomes for our communities has resulted in better projects and programs and better funding priorities that will benefit those in our community who have too long been neglected by transportation investments. We are here and we've been here to make sure we continue to seek out and listen to and prioritize the needs of these communities. We all know this is the beginning of a long journey and we have more steps to take. It is the opportunity we have right now to do a lot to improve our transportation system so it works better for our communities and I thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you.

McClymont: Next up we have Kem Marks.

Wheeler: Welcome Kem.

Kem Marks, Director of Transportation and Equity for the Rosewood Initiative and a member of the Getting There Together Coalition: Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Marks: My name is Kem marks I am the Director of Transportation and Equity at the rosewood initiative and a member of the getting there together coalition. I am here today to show our support for the get moving initiative and request that you all have a favorable vote today. At the beginning of this process, it was not a sure bet that's Portland was going to get a very well received -- or get have more resources. I want to thank commissioner eudaly for the hard work she did in the task force meetings and the pbot staff, the work they did behind the scenes as well as receptiveness of metro staff and our work together in putting together the corridor package. This package will have significant positive impacts on east Portland. My focus today is on 122nd and 162nd. As you have heard me say these

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are the only two north south and east west corridors. Just as importantly, it will bring anti-displacement resources and housing resources to these corridors. East Portland is currently under great gentrification pressures. We need more resources to ensure that low-income and bipoc communities can stay where they currently were. This measure is a down payment in that respect. It will bring other resources including safe routes to schools that are greatly needed in east Portland. Again, I want to thank commissioner eudaly for going to the mat for Portland in the process. It wasn't a sure thing that the task force would include 122nd and 162nd. So we have seen the work and we appreciate it. Thank you.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, kem.

McClymont: Next up we have Richa Poudyal.

Wheeler: Hi reisha.

Richa Poudyal, Advocacy Director for the Street Trust: Hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes, we can.

Poudyal: Thank you for the opportunity to join. I'm the advocacy director for the Street trust and part of the let's get moving resolution. Just to speak on the getting there together coalition has been doing on this regional measure. I started this job about two years ago and this measure has taken up a significant portion of my role. As a coalition, we have really tracked and worked to ensure that every part of what is funded through this measure was reflecting -- as reflected of community needs as it could be. I know you all know this. Working on a piece of legislation can be challenging. It can be challenging to sort of count your wins. And excuse me. There are a number of pieces in the measure and each of them are deserving of being vetted by community. We, as a coalition, put in quite a bit of collective labor the last two years and as was mentioned earlier, longer as we formed a response to a potential ballot measure with trimet in 2017. I want to highlight a few of the wins as I see them in my time working on this measure in coalition. A regional youth pass to a real path for free fares to 18 and under. This is a campaign that has been active since the late 90s. Started by most movements are by black women and leadership from environmental justice and youth commission. While it shouldn't have taken as long as it did, we are really proud to have supported in that work and appreciate the partnership with metro staff. Commissioner eudaly, this is a big lift and we are excited to see this is going to make transit a real option for our youth across our region. We work in our programming with a lot of kids and youth to get them comfortable walking and biking in their neighborhoods. That was a really important part of the measure to us. And then just you all have talked about it, but serious investments on safety and roadways in our neighborhoods that are so long neglected and addressed in this measure. Many have been mentioned, but I will name is some of the most dangerous, 82nd highway, southeast mclaughlin in clackamas county. Bringing them closer to streets for people with physical safety in mind. I would like to express gratitude to metro staff, commissioner eudaly for this lib in your process. It feels like shared labor and i'm feeling grateful for that. Proud for some of our regional wins and the power our coalition has built since starting this work. So thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks, Richa. Appreciate it.

McClymont: Next up is Alejandra Gallegos-Chacon,

Wheeler: Alejandra. Welcome.

Alejandra Gallegos-Chacon, Community Organizer at OPAL Environmental Justice

Oregon: Hello? Oh, okay, great. Sorry. Thank you. Hi, everyone. I'm the YEJA community organizers over at opal. I -- you all, some of the things you all said in your presentation altered my testimony, so i'm going to -- it is different now, but before I go in, I wanted to start by thanking all the community engagement that was done around here, especially from like united Oregon and getting there together coalition and a very special, special

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shout out to the GTT folks because they made sure youth were engaged at all levels and respected us as leaders. So, yeah, thank you for that. I'm here to speak on why you should support the get moving resolution today. But, yeah, I will say, I just have to flag, it makes me slightly uncomfortable when white people say the reason they didn't want to invest in transportation earlier in the year or back in the day, whatever, because people -- worried about people moving here. That makes me slightly nervous given Oregon's history of exclusion. It is something to be very mindful of, you all. It is slightly uncomfortable to see all the pictures depicting bipoc folks when the levels of metro and city of Portland almost all the staff is white and leadership is all white. Let's maybe be a little more critical about how we use pictures of people. It comes off tokenizing. So any hoo, uncomfortable as your constituent, you all, so sit with it. In regards to this measure, this is a long standing issue like 20 years coming. Sisters in action which was a group of young black women really led the charge on this and since then a lot of other youth groups, predominantly youth of color, ourselves, Multnomah youth commission and momentum alliance has backed youth -- Portland, right, where people predominantly people of color and young people. You all are thanking each other and patting each other on the back, but thank you so much for these groups for doing the education and outreach and showing up. These youth work incredibly hard, honestly, harder than some adults I know so i'm super appreciative of them showing up, even if it is after school or during school to try and tell you all how much they need this to get where they are going. I will note because I think it has been led by black and brown youth that is probably why it has been waited so long and ignored. Thank goodness sunrise finally signed on so you all would stand up for us. You forget to mention us. All of you put out statements that you value racial equity and black lives matter. Supporting this resolution with transportation that supports transportation in bipoc communities and not erasing the past history in Portland. Thank you so much.

McClymont: Nia Calloway

Wheeler: Thank you.

Next up we have Nia Calloway

Nia Calloway, Black Youth Advocate with Youth Environmental Justice Alliance: Hi, everyone.

Wheeler: Hi nia. How are you today?

Calloway: I'm all right. So, yeah, my name is nia callaway. To the city council and those with the get moving measure voting process, i'm a black youth advocate with youth environmental justice alliance and a Campaign Lead Original YouthPass . A lot of you have heard my voice before. In 2018 I urged you to keep youth path at a city budget. It took me a 40-minute commute to get from high school to city hall, a bus, a long ride and walk downtown streets to plead to make it easier for neglected east county kids like me to succeed and live in our city. I was told by you, ted wheeler, and this is something that has stuck with me throughout this campaign process, that he and the city had essentially done their share while in the same breath stated the city hadn't contributed for finding permanent funding. Now two years later bipoc youth have found the means for funding that meets their needs. A lot of this work like it has been stated before, alejandra, has been done by these bipoc youth. All you have to do now is give your support by voting yes on this measure. As i'm sure you all know not all Portland youth of color deal with transit injustice, but low income youth deal with environmental injustices. According to the omh black children were almost three times more likely to die from asthma related causes than white population. 19.7% of black households did not have vehicles, which was the highest rate in the u.s. At that time. So youth pass would be able to aid black Portland youth with free public transit by means of a more fuel efficient way to get to human resources and working to eradicate the targeting and profiling that occurs for young black and brown people on transit that gives them a program telling them they should be safe getting where

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they need to know. Now is the time to acknowledge transit justice is something we need. It helps reduce carbon pollution, more importantly it empowers Portland youth to be active in the communities to get the resources they need and tells them their city cares about their success, fulfillment and their lives. As just a last point, I want to let you know and make sure you are thinking about black youth that are advocating throughout these past couple of weeks I have seen so much black activism and a lot of it is coming from the youth. Even in BIPOC communities people in color are coming together to advocate for these things and this is something that I think a lot of black youth need right now and just as city officials who have the power to do something, I think this is one of those things that can show your city and black youth in your city that you are listening and that you care about them. Thank you.

Wheeler: Right on. Thanks, nia. Appreciate it.

McClymont: Next up we have Geo Su

Wheeler: Welcome.

Geo Su: Hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: We can.

Su: This is not a part of my testimony but I do feel it is important if this runs over three minutes I refuse to be cut off because you are here to listen to people. I will preface that. It is disheartening to see the city council, people who are meant to serve our communities, give credit and praise one another and other white organizations when it has been the -- when they have essentially black and brown youth have been the back boeb. It is disheartening to hear no one acknowledge yasia, sisters in action. It undermines and discredits the work these black and brown youth have done spending so much time trying to get these rights for their communities. So for future reference, I would suggest that all of you guys focus on the history of youth pass and a lot of these moments that I have been basically -- it has been -- anyways, that is all I wanted to say. Now I will start my testimony. I'm a student from David Douglas High School. Today I'm here to address how your support will impact our communities, the youth pass program specifically. For 20 years now the movement founded by Sisters in Action a collective of young black women to create a more equitable transit system for our youth has gone unsupported by city council in 2018 city council declared it was not a priority. As your constituent I'm here to say transit is a priority especially so if you care for the black youth, youth of color and transyouth in your community. It is not enough to defund the police bureau by \$15 million, a majority out of concern for COVID-19 rather than concern of the well being of our black community members. The path to supporting black liberation entails more than just the defunding of law enforcement, dismantling of all systems of oppression. You must claim the intentionally limited access black community members have to these resources. Among these resources includes access to transportation, something that this measure could provide regionally and year round to all youth regardless of income level. This provides a unique opportunity for you all to support these black youth beyond -- when you denied them access to transportation in 2018, access to their own city. As for other forms of atonement, recognize the crucialty of community involvement and direction of the implement takes of these programs. There has been a level of engagement, thanks to the work of the gang there together coalition and united Oregon I encourage you to exceed this level of community engagement in all realms, planning, funding mechanism, decision making. I implore you all as city council commissioners to support the get moving measure and I prove the measure for the sake of our youth's livelihoods. Especially the black youth in the communities you are all meant to serve. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks for your perspective. We appreciate it.

McClymont: Next up we have Edom Daniel.

Wheeler: Welcome.

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Edom Daniel: Hi my name is Edom. I went to school at david douglas and here as part of yasia. Today I want to address the importance of the city council supported the measure. First things first, I want to tharnng the getting there together coalition for their work in giving us space and giving us youth specifically i'm a black youth in getting to this position. Personally when I first started my campaign work for youth pass it was right after the city of Portland pulled their funding contribution for the program. I want you to sit and acknowledge that was your mindful decision. This was a detrimental decision in achieving any of the desired equity in this city. As this program is critical to the success of marginalized communities. Bipoc youth have suffered from this loss and are the same ones picking up the slack and finding ways to support this program. We have searched and tried to find different avenues in how we can make this program possible and how we can support it in the 20 yearlong battle yet city of Portland kind of claimed it wasn't one of their priorities and decided somebody else can pick it up for them. So I want to also thank that there was growth in community engagement that has given youth pass the ability to be in this position for you all to see today. Hence why we didn't demand you all listen to your constituents and go through with supporting youth pass and righting your wrongs. Take accountability for this decision you made in 2018 and realize you are turning around and making this possible now. I want to thank their efforts, but I also ask you all to utilize the efforts of youth who have allocated the attention for our whole region for this crucial program and figured out another avenue to fund it without the need of city of Portland funding. This is for our city. Youth have been fighting for this. Black and brown youth have stepped up. I have had to work hard on this for so long. While many of my other peers have had their homework finished by 9:00 p.m., I was commuting back home from one of the meetings downtown to make sure my voice was heard. Many of your youth are not going through this. But I want you to know that this is important for us to accomplish this. So I strongly say I implore you as a city council to support the metro get moving measure and approve the resolution when all it asks for is your support and nothing else. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you.

McClymont: And that is all who is signed up, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any further discussion before we call the role on this item? Commissioner eudaly you have your hand up. I think that may be old. Okay. Good, seeing no further discussion and no further questions, I want to thank everybody for your testimony today. Keelan, please call the roll. Eudaly.

Eudaly: Well, thank you everyone for being here today, the presenters and people who gave public testimony. I, having lived in rural suburban and urban areas of the metro region have to admit I was a little skeptical about all of us coming together and reaching consensus on this funding measure. Although we all live in the same region, we faced unique needs and challenges. We have competing values and priorities sometimes and especially those early meetings. I just thought, oh, boy, we are, you know, in for a rough ride. By that last meeting when we sat around the table sharing kind of our final reflections, I really was almost moved to tears by how far the conversation has come and how -- and the consensus that we had reached. It really was a challenging process, but it was ultimately really gratifying. I want to -- I have a long list of thank yous to add to director warner's thank yous. Again, I want to thank metro president lynn peterson and co-chairs pam treece who wasn't here today but was there all along co-chairing and Multnomah commissioner jessica vega-pederson. The meetings happened at rush hour, coming from across the bridge at city hall or neighboring jurisdictions, I felt like it added some context and urgency to our conversation. And even though I was right across the river I struggled to get there on time sometimes. I want to thank our community partners, trimet, odot, prosper Portland, Portland housing bureau, business for a better Portland and Portland

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business alliance. I want to again thank the advocates who turned out, especially members of the getting there together coalition and sunrise movement pdx. Opal youth environment justice alliance and Multnomah youth commission on youth pass. I am more than twice the age of most of the youth who are involved in these organizations, they have been working longer than I have. I have been supportive of youth pass the entire time I have been in office. It has been a struggle and it has been, I guess, upsetting to me that we haven't been able to deliver this to youth sooner, who have been such amazing relentless advocates. I hope that they get to celebrate this victory because their advocacy was instrumental to the inclusion of youth pass in this measure. It was a fight to keep it in. It wouldn't be there without them. I know there are other groups that were involved in this long-term movement for youth pass, but those are the two groups I have worked directly with. Finally, I want to thank my amazing team at pbot, mark lear who attended every one of these meetings with me and provided some useful frame of reference for me being new to transportation and rarely satisfied with anything. I didn't feel like, you know, I was pushing hard enough that i, you know, was getting everything that fwheeded and he assured me that this measure was really lightyears ahead of where we were in this conversation the last time around. So I really appreciate that, mark. And finally, my policy director, jamie duhamil who was at most of these meetings and instrumental. I'm excited for november and I vote aye.

Fritz: Thank you commissioner eudaly, thank you president peterson and commissioner vega Pederson and everyone who presented today and thank you to each of the community members that spoke. It is interesting to be yelled at for something you have worked at for 30 years. I was part of the sisters of action when they were doing the work to begin youth pass. I drive a 20-year-old car and I still have their sticker in my window and it says will work for justice. Significantly, the image is of three hands raised in fists. And the center one is a black fist and it is higher than the other two. And that has been the movement behind the work that we have been doing, behind the work that we did during the recession with Sam Adams, Mayor Sam Adams to keep youth pass going when we were cutting everything else and behind working with metro and trimet to get the reduced fair youth and honored citizen passes that have applied outside of the school year. And was still clearly inadequate. It wasn't until the city made the decision in 2018 that what we were doing was not enough and not sustainable that the conversations about universal free year round transit for youth really took off and thanks to the leadership of opal and the Multnomah youth commission. Multnomah youth commission in particular will tell you I have been a strong supporter of it since day one in 2009. Because I was before then, too. I realize this sounds defensive. As I say, this has been my -- one of my passions because there should be no barriers for people to choose transit especially youth. I enthusiastically support this measure which does provides consistent and sustainable programming for youth pass program with the year round transit passes for all youth 18 and under. Still that is not enough in my mind. I appreciate it is a good step forward. We need to be working for universal fare free transit. Because once we are all able to ride our wonderful transit system again, that is the way we are going to meet our climate disruption goals and that's how we are going to connect families and individuals to employment, shopping, education and recreational destinations, safely, conveniently and equitably. It is my favorite part of this measure. And I also appreciate that some of the big infrastructure improvements are in east Portland and I thank the folks in the east Portland action plan and others in east Portland for all of their advocacy on that as well as commissioner vega pederson when she was in the legislature. This is transformational. This measure, I believe, is significant in that it did bring the get moving coalition together. It did bring the youth as honored voices. It bought in Washington county and clackamas county and I appreciate the Washington county jurisdictions enthusiastically supporting this. In fact, this wouldn't have happened

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even 10 years ago. This would not have received the regional support and the -- and it didn't have the awareness of what equity even is, why transit is an equity issue, safety on our streets is an equity issue. Who is disproportionately being harmed by the sad state of our streets? We have made that progress. That is not to say, young people, don't take your foot off the gas. We certainly need to do more. I appreciate your advocacy. I appreciate you are going to take over for an old person like me who is going to be retiring at the end of the year. I'm glad to know others are coming along to have the same passion as those sisters in action for power young woman that I learned so much from when I was starting my advocacy career. I'm happy to support this measure thanks to all of you. Aye.

Wheeler: Very happy to support this. I want to thank our regional partners and everybody who testified today. I agree. It is important for us to understand and discuss and own our history. It is important to join together when we have opportunities to do so to move forward in a productive way and this ballot measure, I think, represents the best of what this region has to have. I will say this, though, this is not a slam dunk. This is going to the ballot. It will require all of us to push it very hard. There will be opposition to this ballot measure and it will be well organized. I would encourage us whatever differences there may have been in the past, if we agree on the values and the specifics of this ballot measure and I'm hearing that from all of the testimony we heard today, this is the time for us to join hands. And really push hard to make this a reality. This is the best chance we've had as many of you have indicated in 20 or 30 years to get the youth pass done. We can do it. And this ballot measure gives us that opportunity in november, provided that we execute a really solid campaign. And that campaign has to continue to build on the coalitions that were created through this effort to bring us all together around this package. Commissioner eudaly, I do want to thank you. I know how many meetings you have gone to. I thank you for that. Commissioner Fritz, I thank you for your dedication to these issues. President Peterson, our colleagues at the County, chris, the work you guys do in the bureau, excellent city employees and, yes, to our young people who pushed hard and elevated this as an important issue for them and their generation. This is all good. I support it. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Now let's get to work and make sure the resolution becomes a reality. With that, ladies and gentlemen, keelan, unless there is any other business --

McClymont: No, we are finished.

Wheeler: We are adjourned. Thank you, everybody. Have a good afternoon.

Council adjourned at 4:07 p.m.