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Portland City Council  
Portland City Hall  
1211 SW 4th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and City Council Members:

On June 24, 2014 the Planning and Sustainability Commission voted unanimously to forward the *Proposed Willamette River Greenway Inventory* to City Council for approval, with staff continuing to refine the inventory with minor changes and corrections as identified by staff, commissioners and written public testimony.

At the hearing, staff explained that this inventory updates information from the *Willamette Greenway Plan* (1987) for the Willamette River area. The inventory will, along with other data, inform current (River Plan/Central Reach as part of CC2035 Plan) and future river planning efforts. It follows the list of inventory items in Statewide Planning Goal 15: Willamette River.

A primary reason for this inventory is that during River Plan/North Reach appeals, the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruled that they could not determine if the information in the legislative record satisfied the Goal 15 inventory requirement. Going forward, staff want to have a Goal 15 inventory that is clearly labeled and contains the information that is specifically set forth in Goal 15.

The Commission directed staff to continue to refine the inventory as part of the PSC's Recommended Draft that will be the basis for the final Council hearing, and with these refinements, the PSC recommends that the City Council adopt the Recommended **Willamette River Greenway Inventory** as a supporting document to the River Plan, an update to the *Willamette Greenway Plan*.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Katherine Schultz  
Vice Chair  
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