

To the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Comprehensive Plan policy 9.6 "Transportation hierarchy for movement of people" appears to be a carryover from the Adams administration and is in actuality a form of discrimination. It is no different than if there was a hierarchy for fire service protection depending on the type, heating system or energy efficiency of a structure; or who can use a park based on a hierarchy list of legal activities allowed in the park; or even who can testify at a public hearing that has hierarchy of income levels and/or type or status of employment. Continually pumping tax dollars into downtown Portland while there is a deficiency in delivery of services in East Portland is yet another example of hierarchy discrimination.

Hierarchies are part of an obsolete monarch system of government whereby the surfs were excessively taxed to pay for the lifestyles of royalty. There is no royalty status as it applies to transport mode. Hierarchies which can also be described as modern world social engineering have no place in a democratic society. If they legitimately did, groups at the top of the hierarchy would be taxed at higher rates for the privilege as opposed to those groups at the bottom. Nonetheless, language in the Oregon Constitution forbids special privileges and immunities. Policy 9.6 is all about conveying special privileges to specific modes of travel that historically have received immunity from financial self-sustainability - paying even less of their own way than the lowest mode group on the hierarchy list from which user paid tax dollars are also siphoned off to subsidize those mode groups near the top. The special privileges and immunities clause in the Oregon Constitution appears to disallow such hierarchies.

Since policy 9.6 "Transportation hierarchy for movement of people" is about exclusive privilege and therefore discriminatory, it needs to be completely removed from the comprehensive plan.

Respectively,

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