

City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement

EPAP Transition Report

December 11, 2014

Presentation Agenda

- **Introduction**--Amalia Alarcón de Morris, ONI
- **Overview of report process and findings**--Paul Leistner, ONI
- **When will EPAP be done?—Measureable Outcomes**--Arlene Kimura, EPAP Co-chair
- **Value of the relationship between EPAP and East Portland school districts** --Sam Breyer, Superintendent, Centennial School District
- **Value of the EPAP TAC and the partnerships developed**--Mark Lear, PBOT and EPAP Technical Advisory Committee member
- **Report recommendations**--Paul Leistner, ONI

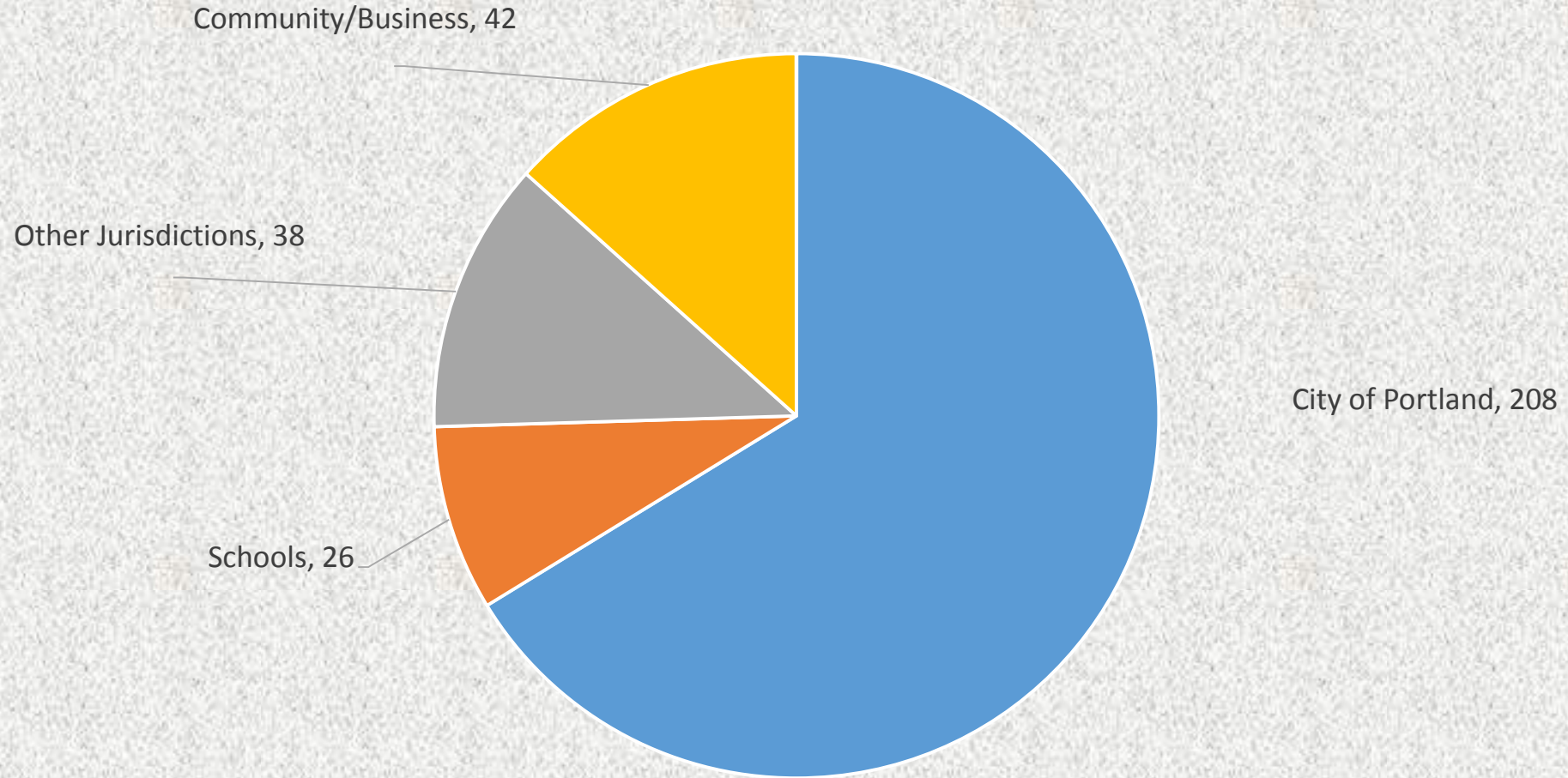
FY 14-15 Budget Note

“Funding Model for East Portland Neighborhood Improvements: The Office of Neighborhood Involvement shall work with East Portland Action Plan representatives and the East Portland Neighborhood Office to develop a transition plan that includes the most efficient and effective funding model to implement neighborhood improvements in East Portland. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement shall report to Council by November 19, 2014 with an ongoing implementation plan.”
(City of Portland FY 14-15 Adopted Budget, p. 71)

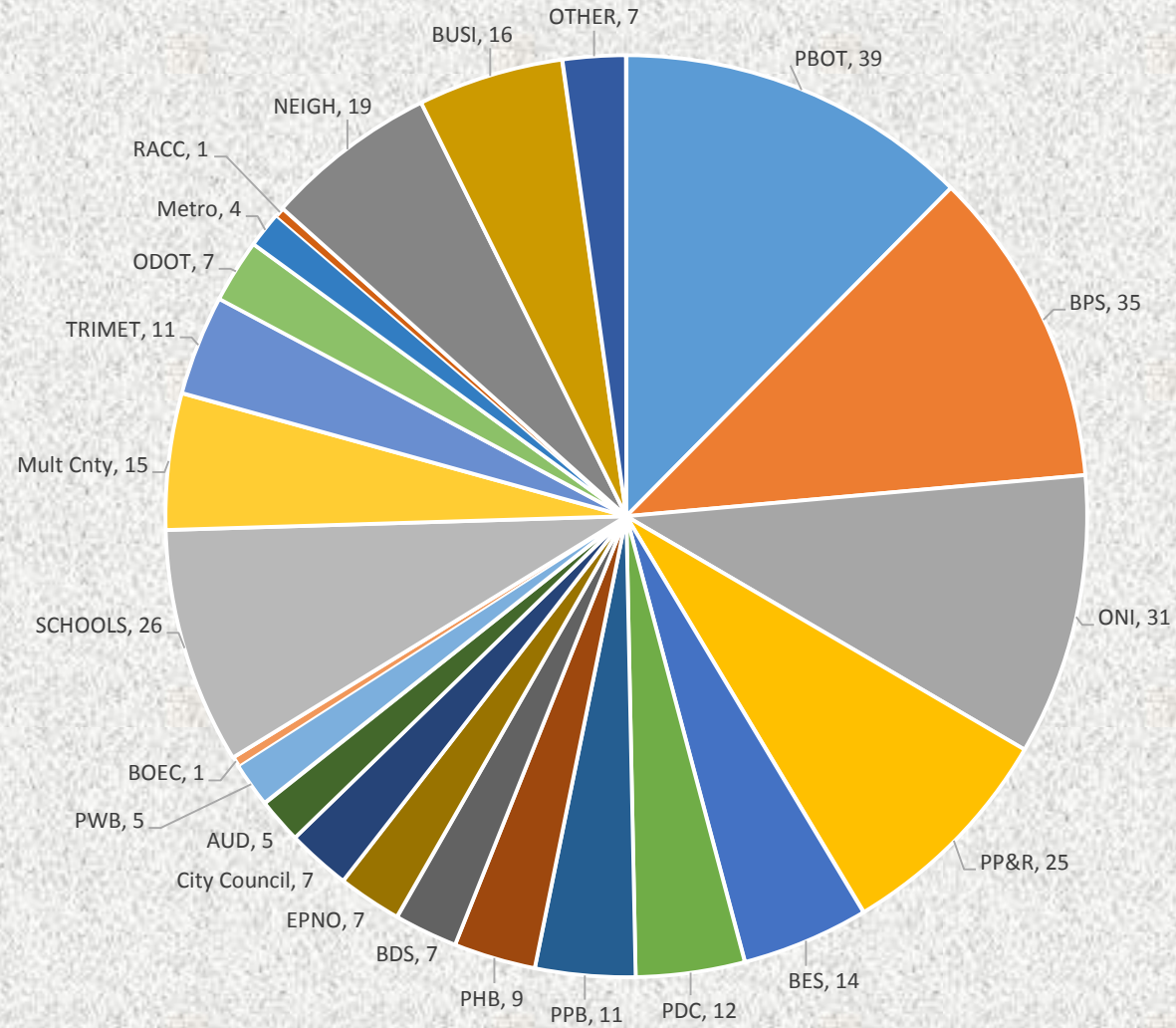
EPAP Background

- EPAP Report Adopted by City Council in 2009
- EPAP Action Plan included 63 strategies and 269 action items in five categories:
 - Built Environment, Environment, Economic, Learning, and Social
- Timeframes for completion of action items:
 - 0-2 years, 2-5 years, 5+ years
- EPAP Advocacy Project initiated in 2009
 - Annual funding from City Council since 2009; \$300,000 in FY 14-15
- EPAP members use their city funding to:
 - Employ an Advocate to support their work (40%)
 - For operations expenses to support their extensive structure of committees and subcommittees (10%)
 - For grant programs that directly support the implementation of priority EPAP action items (50%)

Appendix 1: EPAP Lead Responsible Party Major Categories and Number of Action Items Assigned



Appendix 2: EPAP Action Items -- Lead Responsible Parties and Number of Action Items Assigned



FINDINGS: EPAP Advocacy Project Role and Value

- City of Portland's most focused and effective strategy for advancing City's equity goals in East Portland
- Important convening role
- State of the art in diverse community involvement
- Keeps attention focus on East Portland and Action Plan implementation
- Strong, ongoing indicator of community priorities
- Leverages significant community resources and builds and supports significant engagement in East Portland
- EPAP's work is distinct from, but complements, the work of EPNO and the East Portland neighborhood associations

FINDINGS: Challenges and Opportunities in City Bureau Implementation of EPAP Action Plan

- Need to ensure that bureaus focus on action items
- Lack of bureau buy-in in some cases
- Action items vary in specificity and complexity
- Action item timelines were, at best, estimates
- “Completion” is hard to identify for some action items
- A more nuanced description of “in progress” vs. “ongoing” is needed
- Some Action items have not been completed because they have not been funded
- Staff turnover has affected bureau awareness and commitment
- The influence of EPAP on bureau priorities and work is unclear
- No City entity is charged with tracking and reporting on city bureau progress implementing action items.
- Other jurisdictions and community partner organizations also have not identified point people responsible for tracking and reporting on their action items

Speakers

- **When will EPAP be done?—Measureable Outcomes**--Arlene Kimura, EPAP Co-chair
- **Value of the relationship between EPAP and East Portland school districts** --Sam Breyer, Superintendent, Centennial School District
- **Value of the EPAP TAC and the partnerships developed**--Mark Lear, PBOT and EPAP Technical Advisory Committee member

Recommendations

- Shift EPAP Advocacy Project funding from “one-time” to “on-going”
- Continue to fund the EPAP Advocacy Project
- Ensure City bureaus prioritize Action Plan implementation
- Initiate a formal one-time assessment of City bureau progress implementing EPAP strategies and action items
 - Which items are completed? Which remain to be done? How far along are they?
 - Better define “completion” for each item. Identify what it will take to complete each item
 - Identify any action items that the City and community no longer feel are needed
- Identify an entity in City government that will track and regularly report to City Council on City bureau progress
- Continue to recognize the different, but complementary, roles of EPAP and EPNO