

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept East Portland Action Plan Transition Plan Report

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City Council included a budget note in the City's FY 14-15 Adopted Budget that directed ONI to work with the East Portland Action Plan Advocacy Group (EPAP) and the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) to develop a transition plan for the EPAP Advocacy Project. The attached report is ONI's response to the budget note.

The EPAP Advocacy Project has been funded by City Council with one-time funds since 2009-10. This report recommends that this project be funded with ongoing funds starting in FY 15-16.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

City Council acceptance of this report will not have any financial or budgetary impact.

However, the report recommends that City Council shift the funding from "one-time" to "ongoing" and continue to fund the EPAP Advocacy Project as an ongoing program. The City Council has funded the EPAP Advocacy Project since FY 09-10. The City Council funded the project at \$300,000 in FY 14-15. About 40 percent of this funding pays for the EPAP Advocate position; 10 percent funds operations expenses; and 50 percent is distributed by the EPAP Advocacy Project in grants that directly support implementation of the EPAP Action Plan.

Community impacts and community involvement:

City Council's acceptance of this report, while not formally committing the City Council to any particular action, provides City Council members an opportunity to better understand the impact of the EPAP Advocacy Group and what City Council members can do to support the implementation of the EPAP Action Plan and continue to reduce the significant disparities in East Portland.

The EPAP Advocacy Project represents some of the most advanced, inclusive, and effective community involvement ever done by City government. The Project engages a wide range of individuals including people involved in traditional neighborhood associations, businesses and economic development organizations, representatives of ethnic and immigrant and refugee communities and organizations, issue activists, service providers, institutions and different government jurisdictions that are active in East Portland. EPAP participants continue to show their strong support for the EPAP Advocacy Project through their ongoing participation and advocacy for the project and its work. The geographic area served by the Advocacy Project encompasses the area of the East Portland Neighborhood Office.

ONI staff worked with EPAP leaders, EPNO, the Mayor’s staff, and other city bureau staff to develop the report. ONI staff met with the full EPAP group, the EPAP Operations Committee, and the EPAP Technical Advisory Committee during the spring, summer, and fall of 2014. ONI staff also conducted one-on-one interviews with some EPAP leaders. ONI staff assisted the Mayor’s office in supervising an Oregon Fellow—Julia McKenna—who reached out to staff from different City bureaus and other jurisdictions to gather information on their progress in implementing the Action Plan and to identify issues that help and/or hinder the effective implementation of the Action Plan. The report was developed collaboratively and approved by ONI staff, EPAP leaders and the full EPAP group, the EPNO executive director, and Mayor’s Office staff.

A number of individuals involved in the EPAP Advocacy Project likely will testify at the hearing.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount