

Dear Planning & Sustainability Committee,

The current iteration of the Portland Comprehensive Plan has emphasized growth strategies through more investment in freight infrastructure, however, the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (NPI) areas within the City of Portland do not allow for increased freight traffic and would be detrimental to business district improvements already underway. Portland's NPI districts are dedicated to revitalizing commercial districts in Portland's neighborhoods.

Historic Parkrose is a designated NPI district located on Sandy Blvd, from 99th to 121st. We are actually a small village with an active community of retail stores and restaurants. We are engaged in reducing the speed of state highway 30 running through the middle of this district. Our community-led organization is currently installing gateway signs, garbage cans, street lights and crosswalks right now. We are hosting street fairs, developing shared promotions and investing in technical assistance as well as providing storefront improvement grants directly to the businesses to increase visibility and economic success.

An increase in the TSP designation of Sandy Blvd would harm the businesses in Parkrose. In addition to all the reasons above, we do not have outdoor maneuvering areas to accommodate efficient truck movement. There are alternative freight routes to the north - Airport Way and Marine Drive - and others to the south - I-84 and Halsey.

Strategic freight investments make sense in the right areas. Making exceptions for roads in the NPI areas will help us all not to work at cross purposes.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Historic Parkrose Board of Directors

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