

Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Working to Make Bicycling a Part of Daily Life in Portland

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André Baugh, Chair

Attn: Transportation System Plan

Planning and Sustainability Commission

1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 7100,

Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Chair Baugh and the Members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the priorities of the Transportation System Plan Update.

The Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) appreciates your efforts to ensure the TSP is well-aligned with the Comprehensive Plan update and with our shared goals for a safer, more equitable, and more sustainable transportation network.

The PBAC's purpose is to advise decision makers on all matters relating to the use of bicycles as a means of transportation and recreation. It should be noted that our committee recently added 15 new members, representing a diverse mixture of Portland's geography that includes every major section of the city, as well as a broad spectrum of interests and professional backgrounds.

After careful review of the proposed update to the Transportation System Plan, and several meetings with PBOT staff, we ask the PSC to incorporate the following comments and suggestions from our committee:

- Support the inclusion of the **Transportation Hierarchy** in the TSP. This important policy tool will help prioritize the work of PBOT and other city agencies by directly addressing the city's goals related to transportation, equity, climate and prosperity. If need be, we are amenable to renaming this policy to address the concerns brought by others about use of the word "hierarchy" as long as the representative graph and explanation remain identical.
- Support the inclusion of the **Bicycle Transportation Classifications** from the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030, which was unanimously approved by City Council in 2010. This critical step will properly align the TSP with the Portland Bicycle Plan and best guide PBOT staff as they implement improvements to the transportation network.
- Support the **TSP Project Selection Criteria** as a transparent and effective means of translating policy goals into an evaluation tool that can assist PBOT in prioritizing its work while balancing the needs of many stakeholders.
- Request that PBOT more clearly define which transportation projects would fall into the **TSP Programs** categories, from the **TSP Project List**. This level of clarity is necessary for our committee and other stakeholders to properly evaluate PBOT's prioritization of network improvements.

We recognize that limited resources are currently available for the transportation projects outlined in the TSP. The PBAC has concerns about the overall project selection for the TSP constrained and unconstrained list and how this aligns with the need to equitably distribute these projects throughout the city. However, we have identified 10 high priority projects from the list of 290 currently listed in the TSP draft. We ask that PSC and PBOT prioritize these projects as critical improvements to the transportation network. (Projects are ranked in the table below.)

Ranking	TSP ID	Project Name	Project Location
1	20077	Inner Eastside Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge	7th/8th/9th Ave, NE (over I-84)
2	116460	NE Broadway Corridor Improvements, Phase 1	Broadway/Weidler, N/NE (Broadway Bridge - 24th)
3	90091	Terwilliger Bikeway Gaps	Terwilliger, SW
4	90016	Inner Barbur Corridor Improvements	Barbur Blvd, SW (3rd - Terwilliger)
5	116470	I-205 Undercrossing	Hancock - I-84 WB on-ramp, NE (under I-205)
6	80020	4M Neighborhood Greenway	Market / Mill / Millmain / Main, SE (I-205 - 174th)
7	50049	122nd Ave Corridor Improvements	122nd Ave, NE/SE (Sandy - Foster)
8	116440	North Portland Greenway Trail, Segment 5	Swan Island - Rose Quarter
9	113610	Portland Bike Share	Central City and Inner Neighborhoods
10	20097	NW Flanders Neighborhood Greenway	Flanders St, NW (24 – Steel Bridge)

Thank you for the opportunity to emphasize our support for these policies and projects as part of the TSP update. We look forward to seeing these changes and improvements incorporated into your review of the TSP, and we remain prepared to assist you and PBOT with additional revisions to this important plan.

Sincerely,



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