

**I urge you to make the following changes to the proposed plan.**

**1. Include the reconfigured Red Electric Trail with the Slavin Road route in the first five years projects because: A. It will provide a safe way for Portland and Washington County residents to get to the Hillsdale Town Center, the South Waterfront and Downtown Portland. B. It follows a railroad grade and will be easy to use by young and old, timid and experienced. C. Metro transportation models project the Red Electric will attract thousands of riders a day. D. By rerouting bicycles and pedestrians off BH Hwy to the Red Electric west of Hillsdale, the need to immediately fix the Bertha/BH Hwy intersection for safety reasons decreases.**

**2. Reduce the importance and lengthen the timing of the projects related to SW Bertha/BH Hwy intersection and the two bicycle greenway projects which will not serve a large number of cyclists because of the steepness of the grade and limited bicycle and pedestrian "customer shed".**

**3. Include the combination extended shoulder 2 way pedestrian route and climbing bicycle lane on the uphill side of both Dosch Road and Marquam Hill Road. These are key SW connectors. In the case of Marquam Hill Road, it carries many 4T walkers who are visitors to our city, and is not safe by any measure. The 4T website, 4TTrail.org, had over 70,000 hits last year by people interested in walking the 4T.**

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