

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Please accept this email as Oregon Health & Science University's formal input on updates to the City of Portland's Transportation System Plan. Over time, the City and OHSU have mutually supported various infrastructure improvements that have ensured continued multi-modal access into and out of South Waterfront. OHSU has contributed financially to many of these endeavors, be it directly through SDCs, LIDs, building east/west streets and providing land to light rail, or indirectly through fostering private development that contributes TIF revenue. These improvements have made it possible to transform a brownfield into an important part of the Central City and have allowed OHSU to fulfill our commitment to remain and grow within the City.

The current TSP draft acknowledges that additional improvements to the city's arterial network are needed in South Waterfront. Without these improvements, it will not only be difficult for OHSU to grow, but congestion will also constrain travel to and from the whole of the southern edge of the Central City. This congestion will impact private development plans as well as impact the city's plans for land immediately north of the Marquam Bridge.

OHSU has reviewed the TSP project list, and are supportive of all those which help ensure multimodal passage in and through the South Waterfront. However, of these, the three most critical are 20102: Bond Ave Phase 2, 20007: South Portal Intersection Improvements and 101640: Moody Avenue Extension. We are heartened to see that they are all anticipated in Years 1-10. As the City's capital planning process develops a shorter Years 1-5 list, we hope all of these projects are included in this timeframe as well. If they cannot all be included on the Years 1-5 list, we encourage you to select project 20102 and whichever (20007 or 101640) of the remaining projects is proven to most ease traffic congestion within South Waterfront.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment and for your work.

Sincerely,

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