

RE: 2014 EPAP Transportation and Parks Survey: Summary of Results

March 12th, 2015

Dear Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission,

In May 2014, an East Portland Action Plan survey was sent out to all East Portland addresses, as an insert in the local newsletter. The survey had questions related to transportation and parks use in four languages - Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and English. The intent was to ask information of community readers, but also to get neighbors to talk with each other and help prioritize public infrastructure.

Preferred Transportation Modes: According to the City of Portland, most East Portland residents work in industrial districts of the Columbia Corridor, North Portland, Swan Island, and nearby areas outside of Portland, but few work in downtown Portland. 76% of respondents are primarily drivers, a rate higher than the city average, while 13% primarily use some type of transit, 4% bicycle, and 7% walk. Also, 6% use two or more modes frequently, 28% own a bicycle, and 33% use transit occasionally. The most popular transit service is the MAX (6% of responses), followed by buses 4, 77, 71, 9, 17, and 20.

Map of Survey Responses: We received a total of 1,365 East Portland responses, for a 2.4% response rate. The geographic distribution of responses was evenly distributed for current population density in East Portland.

Map of Poor Bicycle Safety and the **Map of Poor Crossing Safety:** Residents are very concerned about using and crossing high-crash streets. Respondents prioritize sidewalks to be built on busy streets (47%), followed by sidewalks on residential streets (37%), more paving maintenance (34%), build more frequent pedestrian crossings (29%), and pave dirt streets (22%). Respondents find crossings dangerous because of high-speed traffic (35%), unmarked or unsafe crossings (31%), no signals at the crossing (20%), and long wait times at crossings (11%).

Map of Survey-Suggested Sidewalk Improvements, Safe Crossings, and Popular Parks: The community wants East Portland's busiest streets to serve as positive community amenities, rather than operating as negative divides between neighborhoods. East Portlanders want more frequent safe pedestrian crossings, speed enforcement, and better transit, so that businesses, schools, and parks are conveniently and safely accessible by pedestrians. On the map, the thickness of red lines indicate the popularity of survey-suggested sidewalk improvements and the size of the yellow crosswalk diamonds indicate the popularity of suggested crosswalks.

Parks: 74% of the respondents use parks. The most popular uses are "enjoy nature and relaxation" (40%), "exercise or fitness" (34%), "spend time with family or friends" (33%), and "walk the dog" (21%). The most popular East Portland parks are Lents (8% of responses), Ventura (6%), Powell Butte (6%), Glendoveer (5%), and Knott (5%).

Attached are the 4 maps referred to above. This information will be presented to EPAP on Wednesday March 25th at 6:30 pm; to the PBOT "Lunch & Learn" series on Thursday, April 16th, noon to 1 pm, in the Lovejoy Room of City Hall; and published in the East Portland Neighborhood Associations Newsletter to all 60,000 East Portland addresses by April 17th.

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