

Far Southwest Neighborhood Association

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Re: Transportation System Plan

There is a vast number of worthwhile projects citywide, and limited resources to repair and/or improve the infrastructure to the extent needed.

In the March 6 letter sent to you by SWNI President Sam Pearson he listed the top 10 projects identified by the Transportation committee and affirmed by the SWNI Board. The Far Southwest Neighborhood Association agrees wholeheartedly with the first choice on the list, and the 8th (although it was incorrectly identified as 90087, it should be 90090) which is a project residents of FSW have been looking forward to for many years. The remaining projects are also acceptable as priority choices.

However, we would like to make the following suggestions:

90007 should be prioritized for "1-10 years" rather than "11-20". This route provides access to both Jackson Middle School and Stephenson Elementary School, along with one church and a mosque.

Funding for 90086 and 103540 (Red Electric Trail, at an estimated cost of \$24.753 million) would be better spent on 90064, 90098 and 90099 (estimated cost of \$16.883 million) with nearly \$8 million left over to spend on other more needed infrastructure projects.

90064 provides long-overdue safety improvements from the West Portland Crossing nearly to the Tigard Fred Meyer, both of which are popular destinations for residents all along the project, and would provide enhanced walkability and connectivity.

90098 and 90099 would provide bridges that would be structurally sound and more likely to survive an earthquake that will bring down the current bridges, along with other older structures in the area.

Last, 90091 should be a priority. Hundreds of cyclists use Terwilliger as their "freeway" to work on the hill and downtown Portland, preferring it to the traffic congestion and dangers of Barbur Blvd. Having continuity along their route of choice would increase the safety of their commute.

In summary, our top 5 TSP projects would be:

- 90026
- 90090
- 90064
- 90070
- 101910

Please remove 90086 and 103540 from priority status.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Marcia Leslie, Chair
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