

## Amending Policy 9.6: Transportation hierarchy for people movement.

Following several meetings between Planning staff, modal coordinators and the chairs of Portland's three modal committees, we recognize the following:

- The modal committees seem in general agreement that Policy 9.6 has many good elements in that its focus is on the movement of people and goods movement is separately considered.
- The policy most closely resembles Vancouver, B.C.'s approach to prioritization of personal transportation, which is seen as a good model for Portland.
- A principal sticking point with the policy as written seems to be the use of the word "hierarchy," which connotes winners and users.

In a meeting of the above group the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>, staff advanced the below modified language for Policy 9.6. It is offered here in this draft for further review and comment.

**Policy 9.6 Transportation ~~hierarchy-checklist~~ strategy for people movement.** Implement a ~~hierarchy-prioritization~~ of modes for people movement by making transportation system decisions according to the following ~~prioritization~~ ordered list:

1. Walking
2. Cycling
3. Transit
4. Taxi/Commercial Transit/Shared Vehicles
5. Zero emission vehicles
6. Other private vehicles

When implementing ~~the hierarchy~~ this prioritization, ensure:

- The needs and safety of each group of road users are considered, and changes do not make existing conditions worse for the most vulnerable users higher on the ~~hierarchy~~ ordered list.
- All users' needs are balanced with the intent of optimizing the right of way for multiple modes on the same street, ~~and~~
- ~~w~~When necessary to ensure safety, accommodate some users on parallel streets as part of a multi-street corridors.
- Land use and system plans, network functionality for all modes, other street functions, and complete street policies, is maintained.
- Rationale is provided if modes lower in the ~~hierarchy~~ ordered list are prioritized.

Above language includes an additional bullet point at suggestion of planning staff following the meeting with modal chairs and staff ("...balanced with the intent of optimizing...").