

## ORDINANCE No. 187094

\*Authorize application to the Transportation Research Board for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for research and evaluation of best practices for improving safety around streetcar tracks for bicycles (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

### Section 1. The Council finds:

1. In April 2014, City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 186532 authorizing the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to apply for a Transportation Research Board (TRB) IDEA Transit grant in the amount of \$150,000 for research and evaluation of best practices for bicycles crossing streetcar tracks.
2. On May 1, 2014, PBOT submitted an application to the IDEA program for “Research-Based Solutions for Reducing Rail-Related Bicycle Crashes” in partnership with Portland Streetcar Inc. (PSI), Portland State University (PSU) and Oregon State University (OSU).
3. The research proposal competed well, ranking third overall. Due to funding constraints in the IDEA program in 2014, grants were only awarded to the two highest ranking proposals.
4. This year the TRB is funding another round of IDEA grants for research related to projects that support innovative approaches with potential to enhance security, increase ridership, and improve efficiency for transit systems.
5. The partners, PBOT, PSI, PSU and OSU are interested in applying again for IDEA grant funding to identify the best practices for managing cyclist movements around streetcar tracks as a means of improving transit safety.
6. If funded, the research project will develop, test, install and evaluate new methods to safely guide bicyclists across streetcar tracks.
7. Local match in the amount of \$50,000 will be provided by funds from in-kind services contributed by PBOT, PSI, PSU, and OSU in the form of staff time and materials.
8. The TRB’s Transit IDEA grant program for 2015 has two review cycles. The deadlines for submitting proposals to these review cycles are May 1st and November 2nd.
9. The partners propose to apply for grant funding in the May 1<sup>st</sup> cycle. If the research project is not selected for award, the proposal could be refined as needed and submitted for consideration again in the November 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. That the Commissioner-in-Charge is hereby authorized to make application(s) to the Transportation Research Board during 2015 for an IDEA Transit grant in the amount of \$150,000. Should a grant not be awarded in the first review cycle, the Commissioner-in-Charge is hereby authorized to make application for the second review cycle.
- b. The Commissioner-in-Charge is authorized to provide such information and assurances as are required for the grant period.
- c. The Office of Management & Finance Grants Office is authorized to perform all administrative matters in relation to the grant application, grant agreement, or amendments, requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents on the Commissioner-in-Charge's behalf.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the deadline for application in the first review cycle is May 1, 2015; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, APR 22 2015

Commissioner Steve Novick  
Prepared by: Teresa Boyle:slg  
Date Prepared: April 1, 2015

**Mary Hull Caballero**

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTRODUCED BY</b>          Commissioner/Auditor:  <b>COMMISSIONER STEVE NOVICK</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety – Novick <i>OW</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: <b>Transportation</b> <i>KV</i>          Development, Permitting &amp; Transit Group          Manager: <b>Christine Leon</b> <i>KL</i>          Director: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Teresa Boyle:slg          Date Prepared: April 1, 2015</p> <p>Impact Statement          Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p>Portland Policy Document          If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.          Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b>          required for Code Ordinances</p> <hr/> <p><b>City Attorney Approval:</b>          required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p> <hr/> <p><b>Council Meeting Date</b>  <b>APRIL 22, 2015</b></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 17 2015</u></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero          Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>          Deputy</p> <p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
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<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____          (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p><b>CONSENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	