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Dear Ms. Schooley,

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is pleased to offer our support for the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grant, *Parking Analysis and Tool Kit for Neighborhood Commercial Centers*. We believe that recent discussions in the community and at the PSC, development, and projects necessitate a more in-depth look at Portland's parking environment while looking to meet Portland's larger goals of sustainability, economic growth, and livability.

The PSC's role is to advise City Council on the City's long-range goals, policies, and programs for land use, planning, and sustainability. In making recommendations and decisions, we consider all aspects of building a sustainable city in an integrated fashion.

Earlier this year, we forwarded a recommendation to our City Council about the City's zoning and minimum parking requirements. In this recommendation, we noted:

The PSC requests that the City Council direct the Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to continue exploring neighborhood parking permit programs and review their policy recommendations with us to allow development of a comprehensive approach to parking management in neighborhoods. Any potential parking permit program would operate as a piece of a greater Transportation Demand Management strategy for areas that have been impacted by the recent multi-dwelling development projects.

PBOT's grant request is directly in line with our recommendation, and the PSC looks forward to working with PBOT to learn how parking strategies and regulations can improve our community. The PSC will integrate the PBOT final report into our final recommendations to City Council on a long-term parking strategy for neighborhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together to create a functional transportation system for Portlanders. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

André Baugh
Chair, Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
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