

# Street Repair and Traffic Safety Program

## Temporary Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax



WE KEEP PORTLAND *MOVING.*

# Why We are Here Today!

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After a two-year process, there is growing support to begin to address long-standing maintenance and safety needs with a temporary local gas tax that would be sent to the voters for approval in May 2016

# The Vision

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Raise \$64 million over four years for Portland Streets with a temporary local ten cent tax on motor vehicles under 26,000 pounds – including gas and diesel

- ✓ Street repairs reduce costly rebuilds
- ✓ Safety projects reduce injuries and fatalities while improving access to transit and schools

Empower a strong oversight committee with proposed project list to ensure accountability

# Why Now

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Every day without action results in future maintenance costs and unnecessary fatalities and injuries and continues inequities

Portlanders want better maintained and safer streets

# Why a Temporary Local Gas Tax

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Growing consensus that Portland, like 24 Oregon cities, should implement a local gas tax

*“The City should immediately pursue a fee for use. At the moment, the most technically feasible is a city gas tax. A gas tax would generate revenue from most users – including those transporting goods across Portland streets and those who don’t reside in Portland – and would discourage congestion and pollution.”*

*Portland’s Streets: Ending the Funding Gridlock*  
*City Club Report*

# What can be accomplished with additional funding?



## We can do a better job of taking care of our existing streets

- Prioritize paving repair projects that eliminate costly future rebuilds
  - ✓ Prioritize busy streets with freight and transit

# Taking Care of Existing Streets

What can be accomplished over next four years?



## Paving / Street Repair \$35.8 million

- ✓ 29 lane miles of busy street paving
- ✓ Over \$8 million for citywide road repair
- ✓ Over \$3 million citywide for signal, street light, sign and marking maintenance

How do we select the highest priority paving and maintenance projects?

## Portland's Pavement Management System

Busy  
Street  
Paving  
Plans

Local  
Street  
Paving  
Plans

Signal,  
Street Light  
Sign Repair



# What can be accomplished with additional funding?



We can do a better job of taking care of Portlanders

- Reduce serious injuries and fatalities
- Ensure seniors can safely access transit and kids can safely walk to school in all of our neighborhoods
- Improve safety citywide and focus improvements in our most dangerous neighborhoods

# Taking Care of Portlanders

What can be accomplished over next four years?



## Critical Safety \$28.2 million

- ✓ Implements improvements in high crash corridors
- ✓ Adds missing sidewalks and safer crossings
- ✓ Provides safe routes to school improvements at over 35 elementary schools
- ✓ Continued development of key Neighborhood Greenways and projected bicycle routes

# How do we select the highest priority safety projects?

## Portland Street Maintenance and Safety Fund / TSP Categories

High Crash  
Corridor  
Program

Pedestrian  
Network  
Completion  
Program

Safe Routes  
To School  
Program

Neighborhood  
Greenway  
Program

Bikeway  
Network  
Completion  
Program

projects identified through extensive neighborhood outreach

# Ensuring Efficiency and Accountability Projects Identified on Project List



*Portland Street Repair and Safety Program  
will include a list of projects that will be  
delivered over four years.*

# Ensuring Efficiency and Accountability Role of Oversight Committee



*An Oversight Committee with neighborhood and business representatives will make recommendations for adjustments to the project list.*

# Public Outreach



2- year of extensive community meetings and outreach to identify transportation needs and potential revenue sources

Extensive outreach with Portland's Freight, Bicycle, and Pedestrian modal committees and PBOT'S Bureau Advisory Committee

Reviewed temporary gas tax proposal with public meetings and materials with District Coalitions, Business, and other interested groups

# Next Steps



*City Council Action*

*Elections Office Certifies Measure*

*May 2016 Vote*

*If measure passes, additional revenue  
second half FY 2016/17*