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To: Kathryn Schultz, Chair, Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

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Subject: Providence Portland Medical Center TDM Strategies

Our Mission Statement, "As people of Providence, we reveal God's love for all, especially the poor and vulnerable, through our compassionate service," calls us to respond to suffering, taking care of the whole person in body, mind and spirit. It calls us to work in partnership to create healthier communities together. Through our core value of Stewardship we believe that everything entrusted to us is for the common good. We strive to care wisely for our people, our resources and our earth. In this effort we have been, and remain, committed to our Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies.

Our TDM strategies over the years have proven effective as we have reduced our drive alone rate to our Providence Office Park (POP) and Providence Portland Medical Center (PPMC) campuses from a high of 85 percent in 1996 to our most recent rate of 66 percent in 2014. The transit rate has increased from 3 percent to 29 percent during this same timeframe. We have been able to accomplish this reduction through many effective strategies and remain committed to continue to improve.

Some strategies implemented to highlight include:

- Free TriMet passes for employees
- Partnering with TriMet on routes/ frequency
- A bike/ pedestrian coordinator
- Preferential carpool and dedicated carshare parking
- Telecommuting options
- Transit center shuttle
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Cycling facilities
- Partnership with the neighborhood under a formal neighborhood association agreement
- Requiring annual parking permits

It should also be noted that many of our employees work 12 hour shifts, usually from 7am to 7pm and 7pm to 7am. These shifts are well outside the normal heavy traffic hours, so many of our caregivers are already at work or are leaving after rush hour.

In addition, we have recently completed a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan (CTMP). This plan exemplifies our commitment to create healthier communities by identifying ways in which we can continue to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips in the future. This plan includes hiring a full time transportation demand manager who will be dedicated to continuing this important work.

Providence looks forward to its partnership with the City, TriMet and the neighborhoods in the years to come.