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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Katherine Schultz, Chair
City of Portland
Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

Re: Proposed Transportation System Plan

Dear Chair Shultz and members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I am the Chief Executive for Providence Portland Medical Center. In my role for Providence, I am also involved in Providence's efforts to encourage our employees to use methods other than single occupancy vehicle to reach our medical campus. Providence has previously committed to supporting the City's Climate Action Plan and continues to do so. I understand from our representatives that have been attending your hearings on the proposed Transportation System Plan that there may be some concern about whether this commitment will continue in light of Providence's testimony.

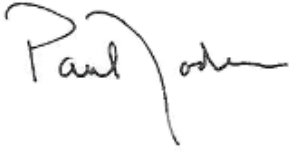
I am writing to reassure you that the focus of Providence testimony is on how we meet that goal, not if we will meet the goal. There is another 20 years or so to reach the goal of the Climate Action Plan. Providence intends to be aggressive as it has been in the past in shifting employee trips as much as is reasonable to other modes of transportation. Providence's request to the Planning and Sustainability Commission is that Providence be allowed to use its current Transportation Demand Management Plan, which has proven to be successful, until such time as it is clear that the current TDM plan is unsuccessful. Given the significant amount of time until 2035, there is every reason to believe that Providence can be successful in meeting its goals without difficulty in efficiency and expense of adopting a new Transportation Demand Management Plan.

I hope this letter answers your questions about Providence's commitment. Providence looks forward to being a partner with the City in meeting these goals and believes that the process for meeting the goals should be as efficient and clear and objective as possible.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Gaden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long, horizontal tail.

Paul Gaden

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