

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for \$20,000, to provide funding for Deep Carbon Reduction in the Transport Sector. (Ordinance)

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Presenter name: Consent item, no presenter necessary.

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Authorize intergovernmental agreement with Portland State University to conduct research on the impacts of (potential) transit investments in the Powell-Division Corridor as it relates to housing affordability and displacement and in the context of trying to reduce carbon emissions through implementation of a new bus-rapid transit. PSU will receive \$20,000 funded by the Bullitt Foundation/Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)/Global Philanthropy (GPP) grant awarded to the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The research work conducted by PSU will be used to help understand how the City might be able to better respond to housing that is increasingly becoming unaffordable to many current residents and mitigate displacement in the corridor. The work is also to become a replicable model that we could potentially share with partner cities in the Pacific Northwest.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The City received \$56,250 from the USDN/GPP grant—\$33,750 for FY2015-16 and \$22,500 for FY2016-17.

Of the \$56,250, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) will pass \$20,000 to Portland State University to support a portion of their research related to impacts of carbon reductions in the transport sector (in the form of bus-rapid transit investment) on housing affordability and displacement in the Powell-Division corridor. Funds are available in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015-16 Revised Budget, Grant ID PN000064, cost object PN00640001.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The communities within the Powell-Division corridor will benefit from the research conducted by PSU. Communities in the corridor—many of whom are people of color, and/or are from lower-income households, are renters, and/or people with less than a 4-year college degree—will learn more about the impact of a potential high-capacity transit investment on affordability and displacement. Information from the research will help to develop policy to mitigate impacts on communities in the corridor from transit investments that reduce carbon emissions.

This collaboration with PSU is one way the City is finding ways to address community stabilization issues, especially in East Portland. And to address broader equity as part of an overall prosperous, educated, healthy, and equitable Portland strategy.

Many members of the community in the corridor have participated in the public engagement process for the Powell-Division Transit and Development project. This research, in tandem with

continuing work in the corridor, will continue to involve members of the community as part of the on-going work in the Powell-Division corridor and associated projects.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount