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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Chair Baugh and Members of the Commission,

For the record my name is Gerik Kransky, Advocacy Director with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA). We are a nonprofit organization that creates healthy, sustainable communities by making bicycling safe, convenient and accessible in our work over the last 26 years.

Thank you for leading the effort to update the City of Portland's Central City Plan and Transportation System Plan. We are grateful for your work and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) and Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) staff responses to our dozens of pages of previous comments and requests. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these comments and proposals. As we near the end of this of this plan update BTA will keep our comments brief and to the point. We are in support of the majority of the updated functional classifications, policies, and projects. Please consider these points before you adopt a final plan:

- **Please designate all of SW/NW 4th Avenue as a Major City Bikeway.** The lack of a true north/south couplet of Major City Bikeways in the central downtown area, streets that connect the Broadway Bridge to Portland State University, is a glaring omission. Do not adopt the plan without this critical designation.
- **Please designate SE Sandy Blvd. as a Major City Bikeway.** Given the orientation of Sandy through inner SE and its direct connections to Major City Bikeways to the north (Ankeny) and south (7th Ave) it makes sense to upgrade it to provide safe and ideally protected bike lane for people on bikes.
- **Please upgrade language supporting a new Major City Bikeway on SE/NE 7th.** We would like to see project #20194 upgraded to include protected bike lanes. Given the volume of automobile traffic on 7th it is clear that Neighborhood Greenway-style treatments will be inadequate to create a safe and comfortable facility and protected bike lanes should be included.

Thank you, again, for your work and your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Gerik Kransky
Advocacy Director

