

## CENTRAL CITY 2035 COMMENTS

TO: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission  
Portland City Council

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RE: Central City 2035 Plan – **Bikeway Designations**

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I have submitted comments previously. However, after reviewing Map 5 – Proposed Central City Bicycle Classifications (Vol. 2B TSP Amendments), I have some additional comments. I generally support the proposed bicycle classifications shown on Map 5 with several recommended amendments detailed in the following table.

Bicycle Classifications Recommendations		
Street	Recommendation	Rationale
<b>SW 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup></b> SW Broadway/I-405 to SW Harrison	Change to Major City Bikeway	SW 6 <sup>th</sup> /Terwilliger is a major pedestrian and bicycle route in and out of the CC. SW Terwilliger is currently designated as a “major city bikeway”. <i>This designation should continue across I-405 to reach, rather than just come close to the CC.</i> The Green Loop is a nice addition, but it doesn’t diminish the importance of SW 6 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> to get in/out of the CC. SW 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue provides a critical southbound link to both SW Barbur and SW Terwilliger. They are of equal importance to the other “major city bikeway” streets in the CC.
<b>SW 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup></b> SW Harrison to NW Flanders	Designate as City Bikeways	SW 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenues serve as an important north-south couplet through the heart of downtown and should be recognized and maintained as such.
<b>SW Morrison</b> SW 18 <sup>th</sup> to SW 20 <sup>th</sup>	Designate as City Bikeway	There is a need for a better bicycling connection between NW 18th/19th and Goose Hollow. Connecting only with SW Alder is inadequate, and SW 18th has little opportunity for bike facility improvements. There also is a clear need to optimize bike access near the stadium.
<b>SW Jefferson</b> West of SW 18 <sup>th</sup>	Designate as a Major City Bikeway	This recommendation is based upon the long-term plans in the TSP for a multi-use pathway along US 26 from SW Jefferson to the zoo (TSP ID 90096). With most of the route over Sylvan between the CC and Beaverton being complete, designating SW Jefferson and this pathway as a “major city bikeway” makes a lot of sense by creating a high quality route connecting the CC with Beaverton. It has much greater potential to actually be implemented compared to NW Cornell Road – another major city bikeway.
<b>SW Main</b> SW Park to SW 13 <sup>th</sup>	Extend City Bikeway designation west to SW 13 <sup>th</sup>	SW Main Street serves as an important bicycling street between SW 1 <sup>st</sup> and SW 13 <sup>th</sup> . Its importance doesn’t stop at the Park Blocks.
<b>SW Alder</b> SW Broadway to SW 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Designate as a City Bikeway or Major City Bikeway	SW Alder has significant bicycle usage along its entire length in the downtown, but the map has a bike designation gap between SW Broadway and 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Separate bike facilities may not be feasible, but this route should be eligible for better bike accommodation that we have today.
<b>SE Water</b> Between Morrison and Hawthorne bridges	Designate as a Major City Bikeway	SE Water is a heavily used bike route that provides an important north-south connection along the east side of the river.