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Commissioners:

A TSP update is currently scheduled for your review in September. I am concerned about a portion of Section 9 that talks about performance measures. I believe they are unrealistic for East Portland. Yet future transportation planning will be based on this unrealistic goal.

Eastern Neighborhoods are supposed to be at 65% targeted mode share (non vehicle trips) by 2035. The performance measures look to achieving this goal through enhanced transit and more biking.

- 1) Yet continuing to rely on things like Tri-Met's enhance service planning process is unrealistic since these service plans are aspirational and couched in such statements as "where feasible" or "operational capacity available"
- 2) The targeted 65% mode share is unacceptable given that many of our residents do not work downtown and have little-to-no viable options except to drive to work. There is no reliable transit for a graveyard employee who lives off SE Schiller and 142nd and works at Rivergate or Marine Drive. Biking to work is both unrealistic and unsafe.
- 3) The industrial areas are targeted at 55% and that should be the East Portland's mode share as many of our residents work in the industrial areas.
- 4) The TSP (and the TSDC) list a number of bike and ped improvements that are budgeted and meet the SDC requirement match. We in East Portland need to feel assured that those projects will be done in a timely manner, as they are critical safety projects as well as enhancing bike and pedestrian connections.
- 5) Finally, a better and clearer explanation of what it take for an ordinary citizen to understand how a project gets onto the TSP list from start to finish. This is one of the most asked questions and I have no good answer that does not involve a PBOT traffic engineer and PBOT finance people, BPS/BDS planners, and a politician.

This becomes an issue for our immigrant/refugee community members especially. They feel they are getting the runaround and see the wealthier parts of Portland have all kinds road projects to make wealthy Portland better while we still do not have enough sidewalks for our kids to be able to walk to school safely or our elders to go to the doctor or pharmacy safely and easily. Compounding all the frustration is the language barriers many encounter.

Thank you for all that you do and your time.

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