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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners:

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is pleased to forward our recommendations on the Transportation System Plan Stage 3 Update, which are proposed amendments and updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) and the Transportation System Plan (TSP), with expected effective date of May 24, 2018. The TSP is the City's 20-year plan for transportation policies and investments. Components of the TSP are a part of the Comp Plan.

The Proposed Draft is the final component of the TSP Update and the result of a collaboration between the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and the Portland Bureau of Sustainability (BPS). The two bureaus updated the Comp Plan and TSP to be in compliance with the State, the Region, and the recently adopted Comp Plan policies, and to move forward with additional policy initiatives. The proposal focuses on a new automated vehicle policy; street classifications for Transit, Traffic and Emergency Response; performance measures and mode share targets; geographic policies and sub-policies; the removal or modification of objectives; and modifications to Policy 9.6: Strategy for People Movement.

On September 26 and October 24, 2017, the PSC held public hearings and took testimony from several interested stakeholders including representatives from the Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood (HAND), the NW District Association and BikeLOUD. A majority of the written and oral testimony focused on classifications (especially on SE 20th and SE 21st avenues); mode split targets; geographic policies; and objectives.

The PSC followed testimony and staff presentations with a discussion of PSC suggestions at a work session on October 24, 2017. In general, the PSC expressed support for the proposal and direction of the TSP and transportation policies. The PSC voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the Staff Proposal with the following amendments and modifications.



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The PSC recommends:

1. City Council adopt the Transportation System Plan and Comp Plan Amendments as directed and outlined in the decision matrix and minutes from the October 24, 2007 meeting and reflected in the *TSP Stage 3 Recommended Draft*.
2. The City should take a leadership role on work-at-home trip avoidance by becoming an employer of choice, and make work-at-home opportunities (full week or partial week) available in all bureaus for all positions where appropriate.
3. PBOT seek resources and prepare an action plan for achieving 70 percent (or greater) non-SOV mode share and adopted Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) targets. The plan should include:
 - Current (baseline) mode share and VMT data, along with interim modal share and VMT targets, such as for 5 and 10 years.
 - A Transit Master Plan for the City of Portland indicating how to achieve 25 percent transit mode share in partnership with TriMet.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of the TSP Stage 3 Update and for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,



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