

## IMPACT STATEMENT

### Legislation title:

Adopt the *Northwest in Motion* plan and its recommendations (Resolution)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the Northwest in Motion plan is to identify capital improvement projects, programs, policies, and other recommendations designed to support the active transportation and public transit system in and around the Northwest District Town Center, designed to reduce pressure on the limited roadway network and parking supply by reducing demand for single-occupant vehicle travel.

The primary focus of this plan is to identify a near-term implementation strategy for improving transportation options and increasing safety, comfort, and access for people walking, biking, and riding transit in the Northwest District and surrounding area.

The plan recommends five near-term projects to upgrade and expand neighborhood greenways throughout the district, consistent with recommendations in the Neighborhood Greenway Assessment Report. The plan also recommends five near-term corridor improvement projects to improve pedestrian safety and transit access and reliability, consistent with PedPDX and the Rose Lane Project.

The plan also includes several longer-term neighborhood greenway and corridor improvement projects, ten areawide programs to address community needs, and street classification updates to support the overall plan.

This plan covers the Northwest District neighborhood in its entirety, as well as portions of the Pearl District, Hillside, and Goose Hollow neighborhoods where projects or classification updates cross the boundaries.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Northwest in Motion plan does not amend the budget nor change current or future revenue sources. Adopting the plan will not have any immediate impact to budgetary appropriations. This is a high-level plan to guide future budgetary decisions.

The plan will primarily guide the use of funding that is specific to the Northwest District area, including the 51 percent of net meter revenue that must be spent in the Northwest District, already-allocated Transportation System Development Charge revenue, and active transportation funding reserved for upgrading neighborhood greenways.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

The recommendations in the PBOT-led Northwest in Motion plan have been informed by extensive community input over more than two years:

- **Community Advisory Group** – PBOT invited Northwest Portland community members to participate on the *Northwest in Motion* Community Advisory Group. This group included representatives from neighborhood associations, advocacy groups, cultural organizations, businesses, and other members of the public. Members of the Community Advisory Group participated in regular meetings, attended and supported public engagement activities, and helped to think critically about the systems and networks at play in Northwest. This group met seven times and advised the project team as a sounding board for reviewing and reflecting on plan recommendations.
- **Online Public Involvement**– Using online tools allowed community members to map their active transportation needs, express support for projects, and submit their priorities. It also allowed the project team to expand and verify the list of planned projects with respect for community needs and desires. Used by over 1,000 people, the online mapping tools provided a broad snapshot of community priorities and needs across Northwest Portland.
- **Public Open Houses** – In November 2018 and again in November 2019, PBOT hosted well-attended public open houses for Northwest Portlanders to learn more about the Northwest in Motion plan and draft projects recommendations.
- **Other Outreach Events** – PBOT conducted other outreach events including two focus groups with affordable housing residents in the area, walking tours, biking tours, and tabling at area businesses, to get feedback on the plan. PBOT also attended many meetings of neighborhood and business associations in the area to discuss the plan recommendations and gather feedback.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

#### Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

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