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## MEMO *DRAFT*

**DATE:** November 16, 2022

**TO:** BPS Planning Commission *formerly BPS Planning and Sustainability Commission*

**FROM:** City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability  
Community Involvement Committee

**CC:**

**SUBJECT:** Age-and Disability-Inclusive Neighborhoods Action Plan

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Dear Commissioners-

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, the Community Involvement Committee was invited to discuss and advise on the public involvement plan for the Age-and Disability-Inclusive Neighborhoods (ADIN) project. The committee was asked to give feedback on the priority populations for an age friendly project and how to best engage with them. The CIC was briefed by Program Manager Alan DeLaTorre (BPS) on the goals, purpose, and the potential pilot neighborhoods.

The committee engaged in meaningful dialogue and identified the following as priority populations for the project:

- Seniors, 65+
- Children, High School age and younger
- Parents/caregivers
- Multigenerational families
- People living with disabilities
- Isolated seniors

The committee asked the following questions that should be considered as the project continues and plans for outreach activities:

*Technical questions:*

- What data exists to measure and compare “age friendliness” of neighborhoods across the city?
- Can the project team consider studying more than one pilot neighborhood?



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- How does PBOT decide where to restrict speed limits to 20 MPH and can the pilot neighborhoods work in tandem with these streets?

Upon review of the ADIN project and discussion, the committee recommends the project team consider the following:

- When presenting to community groups, pare down the information presented into some brief talking points to explain the project, its goals, and how people can be involved that are understandable to people outside of planning.
- Prioritize outreach to organizations that are geographically based in the pilot areas to learn where the gathering places are for the priority populations.
- Prioritize youth and multigenerational families in the engagement as much as possible. Younger generations will use these services someday and/or may be caregivers for elders and/or people living with disabilities.
- Engage with senior living facilities, IRCO, school districts, Meals on Wheels, and combined assisted living facilities and childcare facilities to reach priority populations directly.

### Final Thoughts

The committee is optimistic about the project and the benefits it could have on the community. They recommend that the project team use the public involvement process as a vehicle to combat social isolation of seniors living in nursing homes by providing an outlet for engagement and social interaction. Additionally, the committee would like to see the project team work specifically to include youth populations and multigenerational families in the engagement process as the project's benefits will apply to people of all ages and will affect all people as they age.

If you require any further information regarding these recommendations, please feel free to contact the committee coordinator, Harmonee Dashiell at (503) 313-3318 or at [Harmonee.Dashiell@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Harmonee.Dashiell@portlandoregon.gov).

Sincerely,

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