

# Portland – Utrecht Sister City

much in common, much to share



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# A Friendship is Born



2007: Beth and Greg visit Utrecht and it feels like home.



2009: Greg and Tom Miller visit Utrecht. Greg's extended visit results in transportation knowledge sharing agreement.



# Transportation Agreement

- Safe Routes to School
- Bicycle Transportation and Neighborhood Greenways
- Light rail and bus transit
- Community building
- Enforcement programs:  
Share the Road Safety Class



# Consul General: Expand the Relationship

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Dutch Consul General Bart von Bolhuis learns of transportation exchange and a sister city relationship is suggested and pursued





# Demographics

- **Portland**

- 584,000 residents
- 1.8 million in the region
- 66% under 44 years old
- Statewide transportation hub
- Strong regional government
- Service sector with strong IT



- **Utrecht**

- 300,000 residents
- 1.2 million in the region
- 63% under 40 years old
- National transportation hub
- Strong regional government
- Service sector with strong IT



# Portland-Utrecht Network

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- Broad coalition
  - Transportation
  - Tourism
  - Business
  - Academia
  - Culture & Arts
  - Equity
  - Dutch residents
- Dedicated to growing collaboration



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