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**FROM:** Cully Association of Neighbors  
**RE:** Transportation System Plan Project List

The following are our comments on the List of Candidate Projects for the Transportation System Plan Update. We have gathered this commentary from Cully residents at a variety of public meetings throughout 2014. They have been reviewed by our Transportation and Land Use Committee and our general membership, and are approved and recommended by our Board.

Our comments sometimes seek to clarify or request minor modifications to projects on the list, or simply encourage their rapid implementation for the reasons stated. In a few instances we recommend projects that are not in the current draft of the TSP.

**40012** *Portland NE 72nd Ave Pedestrian Improvements*

*Construct sidewalks, curbs, and storm drainage improvements along 72nd and improve pedestrian crossings.. 72nd Ave, NE (Emerson - Prescott) \$5,348,876 Candidate*

This is an extremely dangerous route for pedestrians who travel it daily to reach the NE Emergency Food Program and Sacajawea Head Start. It is also a key access route to the new Cully Park, opening October 2015. We also need this project to be extended to Killingsworth Street to improve the pedestrian crossing there as called for in the Cully Park Safe Access Project. This is a key intersection for Cully Park access. There have been six pedestrian crashes in last five years, one fatality. Eliminate the right turn lane on eastbound Killingsworth to shorten distance for pedestrians. Improve signal timing for pedestrian crossing. Improve visibility of signals. Improve lighting.

**40037** *Portland Cully Blvd Multimodal Safety Improvements*

*Design and implement pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Cully Blvd, NE (Columbia Blvd - Fremont) \$4,000,000 Candidate*

We encourage you to fund and complete this project as soon as possible. When you do, be sure to include:

- Sidewalks on NE 57<sup>th</sup> extending from Cully Blvd. to Fremont Street. There is no sidewalk on the west side and a narrow, substandard sidewalk on the east side.
- A marked crosswalk with a center pedestrian refuge island and either a rapid flash beacon or a HAWK signal at NE Mason & Cully. There have been a number of crashes at this location—several involving pedestrians. A 2013 report by Mark Haines of PBOT recommended placing this on the CIP list and prioritizing it. This is specifically recommended in the adopted Cully Local Streets Plan.
- Sidewalk improvements, cycle track extension on NE Cully Blvd between Emerson and Killingsworth. The sidewalk is in poor condition and the cycle track does not extend north of Emerson.

**115660** *Portland Connected Cully*

*Make improvements to calm traffic, fill in the missing sidewalks along transit routes, and increase walking and bicycling by creating new north/south connections to schools.*

*Killingsworth, NE (42nd - Cully); Prescott, NE (42nd- Cully); 60th, NE (Prescott - Portland Hwy); 72nd, NE (Emerson & Killingsworth); 54th/55th (Prescott - Killingsworth); 66th/67th (Sandy - Prescott)*

*\$3,337,372 Funded*

This suite of projects is absolutely critical to the safety of our children, and must be completed as soon as possible. Note that this project improves sidewalks on NE Killingsworth from 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Cully Blvd. The improvements must extend east from Cully Blvd. to Portland Highway to ensure the safety of residents of Hacienda CDC and their children.

**40007** *Portland NE 42nd Ave Bridge Replacement*

*Replace the NE 42nd Ave Bridge (#075) over NE Portland Hwy and the adjacent railway. This project will remove the weight restriction, maintain vertical clearance for over-dimensional freight, and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities. 42nd Ave, NE (over NE Portland Hwy and railroad tracks)*

*\$8,309,623 Candidate*

This is an extremely dangerous area for pedestrians and bicycles, and a key connection to Whitaker Ponds Nature Park. In conjunction with this project, there should be continuous sidewalks along 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Killingsworth north. This frequent service bus route is an unsafe place for people trying to access the #75 bus.

**40082** *Portland NE Seventies Neighborhood Greenway*

*Design and implement a bikeway using neighborhood greenway and/or separated in-roadway treatments, with crossing improvements as needed at major streets.*

*70s Aves, NE (Thomas Cully Park - I-84)*

*\$1,409,019 Candidate*

This project provides essential north/south connections to Harvey Scott School, all of which are currently substandard. It will provide a safe route to the school from the apartments of Hacienda CDC.

**40111** *Portland NE Simpson St Neighborhood Greenway*

*Design and implement bicycle facilities. Simpson St, NE (33rd - Portland Hwy) \$560,000 Candidate*

This project must include a pedestrian crossing of 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at Simpson Street. This currently dangerous crossing is used to access bus stops & Fernhill Park.

**113090** *Port Cully Blvd Rail Overcrossing*

*Construct roadway overcrossing at NE Cully Blvd. over Kenton line. Cully Blvd, NE (over Kenton Line railroad)*

*\$35,000,000 Candidate*

While this project will doubtless facilitate the flow of freight traffic to and from the Port, the community needs a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection between Thomas Cully Park and Colwood Nature Park. What is needed is a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing of Columbia Boulevard and the railroad tracks at 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**40071** *Portland Skidmore/Mason Neighborhood Greenway*

*Design and implement a bikeway using neighborhood greenway and/or separated in-roadway treatments, with crossing improvements as needed. Skidmore St, N/NE, (Michigan - 47th); Mason St, NE (47th - Sandy)*

*\$1,000,000 Candidate*

This project must include a safe pedestrian crossing of Cully Boulevard at Mason Street as specifically recommended in the adopted Cully Local Streets Plan.

**40009** *Portland NE 47th Ave Ped/Bike Improvements*

*Widen and reconfigure intersections to better facilitate truck turning movements to the cargo area located within the airport area. Project includes sidewalk and bikeway improvements. 47th Ave, NE (Columbia to Cornfoot) \$5,541,678 Candidate*

**40036** *Portland Cornfoot Rd Multimodal Safety Improvements*

*Construct a multi-use path on the north side of Cornfoot Rd and install missing guardrail segments on the south side. Cornfoot Rd, NE (47th to Alderwood)*

*\$3,626,000 Candidate*

These projects will provide needed access for the Native American Youth and Family Center to the slough and Colwood Nature Park.

**40107** *Portland Outer Alberta Neighborhood Greenway*

*Design and implement a neighborhood greenway.*

*Alberta St, NE (77th - I-205 Path)*

*\$520,000 Candidate*

This project will complete the Going/Alberta Neighborhood Greenway and provide needed access to East Portland and the I-205 bikeway.

### **Additional Projects**

In addition to the foregoing, there are several projects not in the current draft of the TSP that we believe ought to be:

**Unimproved streets.** Implement recommendations from the adopted Cully Main Street and Local Street Plan to improve unimproved streets in the target area (bounded by Cully, Sumner, 68<sup>th</sup>, and Prescott). Implement pilot projects to test a range of street improvement options.

**NE Alberta Street from 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Cully Boulevard** This neighborhood greenway lacks sidewalks. It connects two proposed neighborhood centers (42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Cully Blvd.) and provides access to Khunamokwst Park. Sidewalks would improve safety and connectivity and make this a true neighborhood greenway in more than name only.

**NE 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Prescott to Fremont.** Rose City Cemetery extends for ½ mile from NE 47<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup>. All north/south traffic, vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles, share 47<sup>th</sup> or 57<sup>th</sup> creating an unsafe mix on the roadway. The lack of continuous sidewalks here reduces safety and impedes access to the Beaumont Village business district.