

Dear TSP Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I am submitting for your consideration some important transportation projects that ought to be high priorities. Please note that the projects meet all the project objectives.

I highly recommend that you fully fund **Red Electric Trail** in the 1-10 years category. This trail will provide a key pedestrian and bike connection to/from Downtown Portland for SW residents. The trail will offer a safe active transportation option for City residents to access businesses and other essential destinations, including access for children to several local schools.

I also recommend a wide climbing bike lane on **SW Dosch** and **SW Marquam Hill Road** to provide pedestrians a safe place to walk and for cyclists to safely travel these uphill routes. Please note that the Marquam Hill Road route is part of the 4T trail connection--a favorite tourist route.

Additionally, a well-thought out and **comprehensive trails plan** is necessary in order to maintain existing trails and build new links on the already successful and impressive urban trail network--a City gem! I fully support the draft Community-Issued Trails plan by Portland's leading urban trails group--SW Trails. The development of the draft was a collaborative effort by stake-holders throughout the City in response to PBOT's first draft, which was complicated and overly restrictive. The SW Trails version is much more practical and democratic. Check it out on the SWTrailsPDX website.

The projects I am recommending herein--the Red Electric Trail, as well as the wide bike lanes on SW Dosch and SW Marquam Hill Road--meet all the project objectives. Pedestrian/bicyclists safety is vastly improved, which will get people more connected with nature and exercise thus improving health and well-being. The projects allow people to more easily and economically travel throughout the City. The projects are cost effective and will cut down on the use of automobiles and SOV trips. There is wide community support for all of the aforementioned projects and I hope you will consider them in the 1-10 years category.

Thank you for your consideration of these very worthy projects.

Sincerely,

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