



**Madison South Neighborhood Association**

**Portland, Oregon 97220  
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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission  
1900 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland OR 97201-5380

To All It May Concern:

**Re: Extra Support for TSP Project #40020 - NE 92nd Ave Ped/Bike Improvements**

The Madison South Neighborhood Association would like to express support for all of the transportation improvements in the draft TSP list that are in or near our neighborhood and benefit our residents and businesses in accessing the transportation system.

Improvements along NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue could not come soon enough. Investments to improve safety and experience for pedestrians along and across NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue are desperately needed. Better travel options for cyclists and pedestrians across I-205 via Halsey, Sullivan's Gulch Trail, and the I-205 undercrossing, as well as Tillamook bikeway improvements, help link our neighborhood with areas that are currently difficult to reach without a car. We support these recommendations.

All of the projects in the fiscally constrained list focus on getting people through our neighborhood, but don't directly help our neighbors access planned new facilities. We do not have a walkable/bikeable neighborhood business district. Most neighbors cannot walk to a grocery store. Few areas within a mile of the neighborhood school have sidewalks. Neighbors must wait for TriMet buses on narrow shoulders or grassy areas along NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and NE Halsey. Inexperienced bicycle riders and children cannot safely ride north-south through our neighborhood.

For these reasons, we encourage you to also prioritize TSP Project #40020 - NE 92nd Ave Ped/Bike Improvements (currently shown on the financially unconstrained list) or find a way to fund the project through the Safe Routes to Schools or other pedestrian and bicycle focused programs. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements to NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would benefit our diverse neighborhood population, our students and families attending our neighborhood school, our TriMet riders, and regional users of the planned bicycle facilities in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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