

June 24, 2015

Communications

Speaker: Gerald Fittipaldi

Representing: Bike PSU, a student bicycle advocacy group

I'm Gerald Fittipaldi and I'm representing Bike PSU. Some of my friends bike to campus. The ones who don't all say the same thing: "I'm worried I would get hit." Portland has some great bike routes. We appreciate the City's hard work. Diverters on the 50s bikeway help me feel safe biking to campus. Two things stand in the way of inviting more to bike: Gaps in Portland's bike network and aggressive drivers. The gaps are especially apparent leading to PSU, home to 6,400 employees and 28,000 students. That's more than double the number working for OHSU, Portland's largest employer. When the politics of bike infrastructure get contentious, we of Bike PSU and BikeLoudPDX will give you the political will to make our streets safer. We've got your back.

In the audience is Britt Gratrek, incoming president of the Neuroscience student Club at PSU. In April Britt was hit by a reckless driver. She suffered injuries to her hip and spine. Britt has been brushed off when seeking action against the driver. Drivers let off the hook continue their reckless ways. Cars are two-ton high speed pieces of metal that kill 30,000 Americans every year... when controlled recklessly. In 2012 32 coffins were lowered in Portland due to traffic violence. Half were of people killed while walking or biking. HALF! Safer street design and a zero-tolerance reckless driving policy are necessary for Vision Zero. We need your help. Thank you for your time.



BikeLoudPDX

June 24, 2015

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

BikeLoudPDX is a new Portland-focused cycling advocacy group. Our goal is to empower Portlanders to create safer streets via grassroots action and focused advocacy campaigns. Prioritizing safe bicycle infrastructure for all ages will not only help fulfill the goals of Portland's 2030 Bicycle Plan and Vision Zero Plan but will lower our carbon emissions, mitigate pollution, decrease the economic toll of congestion, and create a more livable and healthy community. BikeLoudPDX strongly advocates for construction of protected bikeways, implementation of Portland Bike Share, and traffic calming of neighborhood Greenways and other bike routes. We ask the city to demonstrate their commitment to the 2030 Bike Plan and Vision Zero by implementing the following feasible actions as soon as possible. We also ask for an update on these and other Vision Zero actions at an open house within the next 4 weeks.

* Readjust the city's transportation budget so it's 52% safety - 48% pavement. This would help prevent future tragedies because PBOT staff deny many safety requests due to inadequate funding.

Link -- 2030 Bicycle Plan, Page F-2 (reference to needing General Fund funds)

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/44597?a=379137>

* Direct PBOT staff to install interim diverters on ~4 neighborhood greenways with major car cut-through problems -- Clinton and 28th, Lincoln and 41st, Ankeny and 16th, and Gladstone near 39th etc. This would help prevent future tragedies because the density of cut-through traffic contributes to left hook crashes like the fatality at 39th and Gladstone.

Link -- 2030 Bicycle Plan, Appendix D, Page 16 "Traffic Volume Control Measures"

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/334689>

* Install "Bicycle may use full lane" signs throughout the city on neighborhood greenways and other bike infrastructure where cars and people biking are in close proximity . This would prevent future tragedies by educating all road users on how to safely "share the road." (and correcting the misconception that bikes belong in the door zone on neighborhood greenways)

Link -- MUTCD Figure 9B-2, Section 9B.07_07

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009/part9.pdf>

* Direct police to enforce speed limits on neighborhood greenways & other key bicycle routes, with outreach, and zero tolerance. This would help prevent future tragedies based on the numerous near-misses people currently experience.

Link: 2030 Bicycle Plan Section 4.2.3

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* Direct police to track and prioritize responses to crashes involving vulnerable road users.

This would help the city and police prioritize safety fixes and enforcement respectively.

Link: 2030 Bicycle Plan Section 4.2.C, 2nd bullet, very specific directive.

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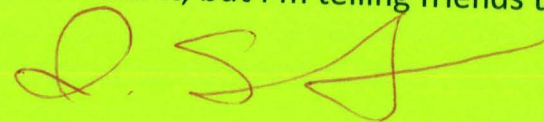
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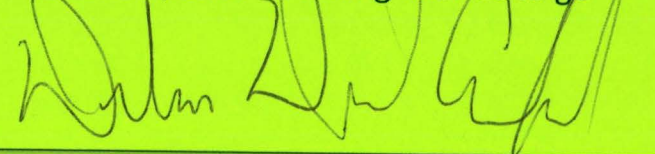
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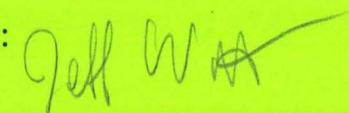
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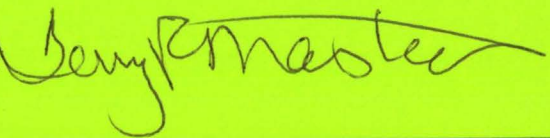
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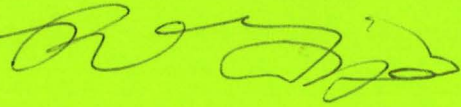
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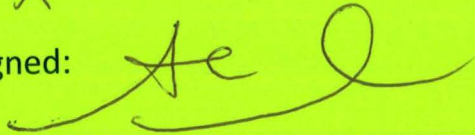
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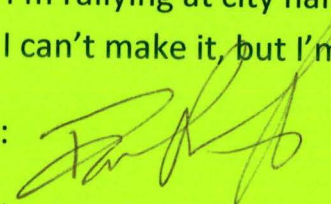
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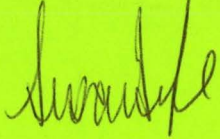
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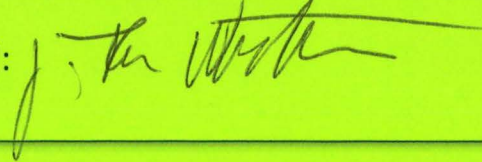
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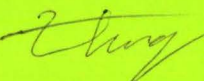
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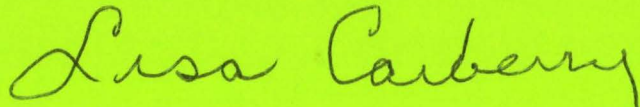
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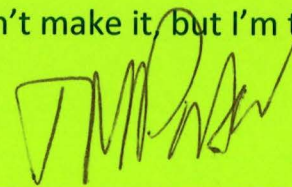
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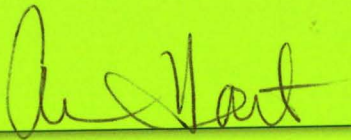
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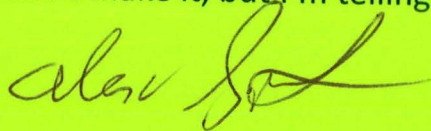
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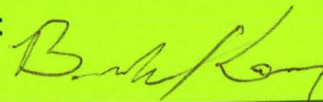
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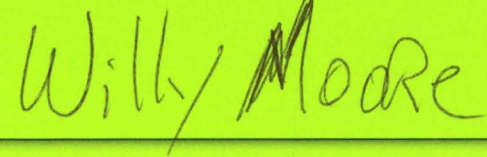
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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Soren Impey <sorenimpey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 11:32 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: 3 minute speaking slot for Wed June 24 4th City Council meeting

To whom it may concern:

I would like to join Gerald Fittipald's group to "comment on Portland's bike infrastructure and the lack of funding for greenways and protected/enhanced bike lanes." Please let me know if you need any more information.

Thanks,
Soren Impey

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**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

Council Meeting Date: 6/24/2015

Today's Date 5/6/15

Name Gerald Fittipaldi

Address 1423 NE Euclid Ave, Portland, OR 97213

Telephone 732-322-4769

Email fit884@gmail.com

Reason for the request:

Comments on the state of Portland's bicycle infrastructure including Neighborhood Greenways and downtown bike routes.

Gerald Fittipaldi
(signed)

- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

Contact Information:

Karla Moore-Love, City Council Clerk
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Request of Gerald Fittipaldi and Soren Impey to address Council regarding
Portland bicycle infrastructure, neighborhood greenways and downtown bike
routes (Communication)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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