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Transportation plan comments:

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Hi, SWHRL is submitting the following comments on the Transportation Plan (TSP).

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the plan and thanks for listening. We realize you hear many different voices so thanks for reading our comments. We applaud the overall effort to cost effectively build the region's infrastructure and undertake a prioritization effort; it is not easy.

We wanted to specifically comment on a theme we saw in the TSP that many valuable projects in SW & NW were not prioritized (not funded or within the revenue constrained project lists). It seems that SW & NW are highly underserved in this plan. This is even more striking given that lack of multi-modal infrastructure here compared to the rest of the city. To that point directly, Southwest hills walk score ranks 76<sup>th</sup> worst out of 89 Portland neighborhoods and bike score ranks 79<sup>th</sup> (Jan 2016 from walkscore.com).

We would also ask the city to relook at the major project evaluation criteria. We feel the metrics unfairly disadvantage projects in low density residential only neighborhoods that lack basic sidewalk and bike infrastructure today. There seems to be little to no tie to the current infrastructure conditions or the impact the project has on walk/bike-ability. The effect seems to be that projects in walk and bike rich East Portland are prioritized over walk and bike poor West Portland.

Simply put we have some of the worst bike and walk scores in the city and this plan doesn't seem to address the deficiencies. We don't know how we attain the city goals of 20 min neighborhoods, reduce SOV trips or complete gaps in the bike and pedestrian network for the residents of SW with the current plan. It is simply unsafe to walk or bike in many parts of SW Portland and mobility is limited.

We request the city to relook at the scoring of the major project evaluation criteria, adjust projects based on completing current gaps in infrastructure and improvements to bike & walk scores, update SW project costs and provide additional funding to projects in SW thru SWIM.