

COMMUNITY POLICING AGREEMENT

Community Policing Transportation Safety Agreement October 15, 2009

Portland is recognized as a national leader in its innovative approaches to transportation that integrate bicycling, walking, and mass transit. Portland's community vision has resulted in a transformation of the public right-of-way that promotes all forms of travel. Portland is committed to maintaining and improving on this success in multi-modal transportation by continuously working collaboratively across city bureaus and with community members and organizations.

This agreement will formalize a collaborative approach that will improve the city's planning and response to traffic related issues, and encourage all modes of travel to work together harmoniously. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility among all users, designers, educators, and enforcers. The Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation share ownership in developing strategies in these areas, and their goal is to develop strategies that encourage multi-modal use, and improve and enhance traffic safety. The Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation are committed to a balanced approach that considers engineering, education, and enforcement strategies.

This collaborative approach depends on input and participation by the community. Among key traffic safety partners are the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, who represent the most organized community presence in these important areas of traffic safety.

The safety needs of all road users depends on a focused and balanced approach--which includes planning, education, enforcement, and engineering solutions--developed jointly by citizens, constituent groups, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and the Portland Police Bureau. By working together, we can improve problem solving efforts and information exchange and develop innovative, pleasant, and safe places for all modes of travel.

This agreement will be effective immediately and will automatically renew every year. Written notice 30 days in advance is required to terminate this agreement.

This agreement describes action strategies that will include:

1. An increased level of communication and cooperation among the community and key stakeholders with transportation responsibilities.

2. A collaborative approach to traffic safety strategies, including the development and implementation of legislative initiatives.
3. An agreement about the top locations with the greatest need for improved safety. This list will be reviewed annually.
4. Improved data collection processes to accurately inform the community of safety trends, both city-wide and at specific locations.

THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU WILL:

- Acknowledge the strengths of a collaborative approach to traffic safety throughout the City;
- Proactively work with the Portland Bureau of Transportation, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, and others to identify high-risk locations that would benefit from mission work or focused enforcement;
- Place high-risk locations with the greatest need for improved safety on a list that is updated annually, and annually review collaborative safety efforts at these locations.
- Acknowledge that education and enforcement activities include warnings, citations, referrals, and safety education;
- Support the “Share the Road Safety Class” as a key component in enhancing the educational value of selected enforcement activities;
- Work collaboratively with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on education, engineering, and enforcement strategies to address traffic issues;
- Support the Portland Bureau of Transportation in its safety education and engineering efforts;
- Improve our ability to capture and distribute information regarding vulnerable road user crash information;
- Identify policy(s) that could be reviewed or modified to better reflect the goals of the City regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety and the investigation of crashes involving other vulnerable road users;
- Continue to respond to all citizen complaints, using other resources and agencies to assist in the response. Such responses may include attending neighborhood meetings, providing information or referrals, supplying legal updates or joint media releases, or running missions;

- Continue enhanced DUII enforcement in high impact areas;
- Continue to conduct information and enforcement missions that coincide with the introduction of new traffic control signage or devices, changes in the law or work zones;
- Alert media outlets of enforcement missions in a way that maximizes the educational effect without compromising the intent of the mission;
- Broaden the release of information, reports, and summaries about crashes or incidents of interest in a neutral and timely way while respecting the privacy needs of those involved and the confidentiality needs of the investigation;
- Improve communication and problem solving efforts with the transportation community by having Traffic Division leaders regularly attend and participate at meetings that focus on bicycle rider and pedestrian issues;
- Formalize a police bicycle officer liaison position to help promote information sharing and education efforts;
- Respond to and investigate all reported vulnerable road user crashes if a person is transported to a hospital by ambulance;
- Provide crash report training to precincts as needed to improve service delivery to, and crash reporting of, vulnerable road users;
- Provide training to precincts as needed on effective education and enforcement strategies as developed with our partners;

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION WILL:

- Acknowledge the strengths of a collaborative approach to traffic safety throughout the City;
- Proactively work with the Portland Police Bureau, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, and others to identify high-risk locations that would benefit from mission work or focused enforcement;
- Place high-risk locations with the greatest need for improved safety on a list that is updated annually, and annually review collaborative safety efforts at these locations.
- Collaboratively develop legislative initiatives that make all road users safer;

- Assist in addressing neighborhood complaints by actively participating in community meetings, providing information and referral, and addressing engineering, signage, or other traffic calming issues;
- Collaborate between Bureaus at the lowest levels to resolve issues and conflicting needs in order to better serve the community;
- Acknowledge that education and enforcement activities include warnings, citations, referrals, and safety education;
- Work collaboratively with the Portland Police Bureau on education, engineering, and enforcement strategies to address traffic issues;
- Collaboratively develop intuitive engineering solutions that minimize the need for education or enforcement to be successful;
- Encourage all motor vehicle operators, bicycle operators, and pedestrians to follow all laws for safety;
- Support the Portland Police Bureau in its safety education and enforcement efforts;
- Share information with the Police Bureau regarding the locations and types of traffic complaints that it receives;
- Meet monthly with Traffic Division leaders to exchange information and discuss problem solving efforts;

THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE AND THE WILLAMETTE PEDESTRIAN COALITION WILL:

- Acknowledge the strengths in a collaborative approach to traffic safety throughout the City;
- Proactively work with the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to identify high-risk locations that would benefit from mission work or focused enforcement;
- Collaboratively develop legislative initiatives that make all road users safer;
- Assist in addressing neighborhood complaints by actively participating in community and neighborhood meetings;
- Encourage all motor vehicle operators, bicycle operators, and pedestrians to follow all laws for safety;

- Support the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation in their safety education, engineering, and enforcement efforts;
- Share information with the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation regarding the locations and types of traffic complaints that it receives;
- Work collaboratively with the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Bureau of Transportation on engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to address traffic issues;
- Meet regularly with the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to exchange information and discuss problem solving strategies;

Portland Police Bureau

Date

Portland Bureau of Transportation

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Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Date

Willamette Pedestrian Coalition

Date

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

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Mayor Sam Adams

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Auditor

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