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I was pleased to support Mayor Adams' *Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030* in Council today. I applaud Mayor Adams for his leadership in crafting this ambitious and focused plan, and for his responsiveness to community questions, comments, and concerns.

The Plan will make bicycling a cornerstone of Portland's sustainable transportation system, adding more than 300 miles of bikeways, promoting bicycling for short trips, and prioritize the planning and funding of improvements that enhance sustainable transportation. It will focus on equity, working to bring access to safe, comfortable, and family-friendly bikeways to all Portlanders.

I am also excited that the Plan commits us to begin planning for a regional system of bike trails, with a special focus on off-road trails.

Here in Portland, we are proud of our commitment to sustainable policies and practices. We are proud that we are consistently ranked at the top of "bike-friendly" cities nationwide. This plan, the best of its kind in the country, will help us remain the country's leader in biking.

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