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To: Bob Kellett, Project Manager

Bike Loud PDX celebrates the Transportation System Plan's support for transportation planning that results in "a safer, more affordable and more complete multimodal transportation network" and welcomes the 2019 Minor Update. Neighborhood greenways are key to providing a complete multimodal transportation network that is comfortable for all ages and abilities. At the same time, low-impact transportation (LIT) must have direct access to the neighborhood centers and commercial streets where people shop, work, live, worship, and play. We strongly urge 2019 Minor Update to the Transportation System Plan to identify gaps that remain within the citywide greenway network in the 1-5 year time frame and work to eliminate fragmentation of the greenway network wherever gaps are found within the 1-5 time frame.

In addition to developing a complete greenway network quickly, Bike Loud PDX offers further feedback on the Discussion Draft. Update the diagram titled "TSP : RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS" (Chapter 1, page 11 in 2035 TSP Update) to include the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan. The Enhanced Transit Corridor Plan is referenced elsewhere within the document and deserves to be included at the same level of current plans and not within the miscellaneous category of "Other Plans and Policies."

We are disappointed that level-of-service (LOS) remains a mean to evaluate the efficiency of transportation facilities (see Table 9-1, Chapter 2 pages 22-23 in 2035 TSP Update - Discussion Draft). Unimpeded travel flow is the top goal of LOS and increases conflict for LIT accessing and crossing streets. Lower traffic speeds result in decreased fatal outcomes for all traffic modes. Congestion relief can be mitigated through investments in LIT and transit infrastructure that transport more people per square foot than single occupancy vehicles allow.

Classify Sandy Blvd as a Major City Bikeway. No single modification to the Transportation System Plan would have as great of effect as building Sandy Blvd into the next Major City Bikeway. LIT requires direct access to neighborhood centers and commercial streets and Sandy Blvd is uniquely positioned to deliver on this point.

Sincerely,

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