

November 10, 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner Nick Fish  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

To the Members of Portland's City Council,

We, former Chairs of Portland's Bicycle Advisory Committee are writing to ask your support for the Central City in Motion Project. We have followed intently and been personally engaged as Council-appointed advisors in Portland's efforts to advance bicycle transportation. We have all committed our time and efforts to (depending on the era) "make bicycling a part of daily life in Portland" (1996 Bicycle Master Plan) and/or to "create conditions that make bicycling more attractive than driving" (2010 Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 and now adopted City policy).

We are excited about the potential of the Central City in Motion project to address a glaring void in Portland's bicycle transportation network, namely safe and comfortable conditions for bicycling in Portland's central city.

We have participated with pride in Portland's efforts over many years to build a bikeway network, create Portland's progressive policies around climate change, health, equity, safety and congestion and to demonstrate that bicycle transportation can fulfill a major role in addressing these challenges. Portland's efforts have been successful; we've seen the City's modest investments result in bicycle transportation absorbing a plurality of new commute trips in the past 20 years. Over these twenty years bicycle transportation has provided the City with the highest return on its transportation investment. Now is the time for Portland to advance to the next level by building a complete bicycle network that appeals to all residents, not just those willing to brave riding in mixed traffic.

The evidence is strong, the timing is critical, your leadership is needed. Please support the Central City in Motion project and advance as quickly as possible funding for the entire project.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Browning, Chair (1994-1998)



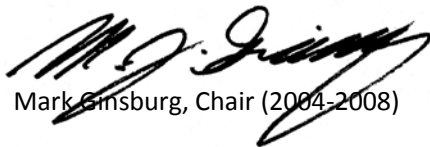
Matthew Arnold, Chair (2009-2012)



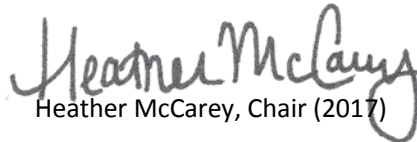
Keith Liden, Chair (1998-2003)



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Heather McCarey, Chair (2017)