

Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Working to Make Bicycling a Part of Daily Life in Portland

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Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners—

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is writing in strong support of the proposed Rose Lane Project. We were briefed on the project at our December 2019 meeting, and appreciate being given the opportunity to comment early. We hope to engage continuously with the City as the project moves forward.

As the members of City Council are aware, Portland's Comprehensive Plan has ambitious targets for transportation mode split in 2035:

Walk	7.5%
Bicycle	25%
Transit	25.0%
Carpool	12.5%
Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV)	30% or less
Work at home	10% below the line (calculated outside of the modal targets above)

The BAC believes that these targets can only be achieved if Portlanders are given transportation options that are as (or more) convenient than driving alone. Cities around the world with strong bicycle ridership also have great public transportation. The bus and bicycle are complementary, not competing, modes of transportation. People may choose to ride a bicycle for some journeys, take the bus for others, or combine both modes in a single journey.

We understand that the Rose Lane Project will be a quick-build pilot of the future Enhanced Transit Corridors network. During the pilot phase, we encourage the city to implement strategies that will improve multimodal journeys. For example, where the bikeway intersects with the bus network, there may be opportunities to provide daily use bicycle lockers. While we do not believe that shared bus/bike lanes are a good design, we want to make it clear that people on bicycles should be *allowed* to ride in bus lanes, at least until protected bicycle lanes are provided on a corridor.

If the Rose Lane Project proves to be successful—which we hope it does—any capital projects built as a result should consider how to build world class bikeways as an integral part of the street design. We are particularly interested in the design of streets where there are existing bicycle-related projects in the Transportation System Plan, including but not limited to NE 122nd, NE Sandy, SW Jefferson/Columbia, SE Holgate, E Burnside, SE Belmont and NE Broadway.

The BAC appreciates the work done so far and looks forward to providing advice and guidance as the Rose Lane Project develops.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Portland's Bicycle Advisory Committee,



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