

# Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

*Working to Make Bicycling a Part of Daily Life in Portland*

1001 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 1300  
Portland OR 97204



January 23, 2024

Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps  
Commissioner Dan Ryan  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio  
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

As you know, the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) advises City Council and all other City bureaus on all bicycling-related matters and thus has a role in bicycle planning, budgeting, parking, storage, design, and implementation activities. Additionally, *the BAC supports the City Council and PBOT in efforts to improve safety for all people riding bicycles throughout Portland.*

**We are writing to express our support for Fixing Our Streets III and to urge you to vote in favor of PBOT's proposal to refer it to voters in May of this year.** Fixing Our Streets (FOS) has delivered projects that benefit people riding bicycles, especially school aged children who love riding bicycles to school and elsewhere in the city and other neighborhoods. FOS II will soon install six new neighborhood greenways to strengthen our low stress, low speed network for people bicycling and walking: N Delaware Ave, Parkrose, NE Mason / Skidmore, NE Knott / Sacramento, SE 60s Greenway, and SW Bertha Boulevard. FOS also makes improvements to sidewalks, streets, traffic signals and street lighting to increase safety. This is critical now more than ever as 2023 was, for the third year in a row, the deadliest on record for people on City roadways in the past three decades.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to PBOT staff for taking the time to talk with us about this extremely important program. We do have questions related to implementation, and look forward to engaging with staff in the near future to learn more about the projects and begin working together in their development. We are excited for future conversations around how bicycle facilities, traffic calming, and safety measures can be incorporated into FOS III projects, particularly repaving projects and neighborhood greenways.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and all that you do for Portland.

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Ally Holmqvist  
Chairperson  
Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Perez".

Joseph Perez  
Vice Chairperson  
Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

"In 2030 Portland is a clean, thriving city where bicycling is a main pillar of the transportation system and more than a quarter of all trips are made on bicycles because bicycling is prioritized." - Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030