

NORTHEAST COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

August 21, 2018

Ted Wheeler, Mayor Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner City Council

CC: Chris Warner, Liz Rickles

Re: NECN Support for Tillamook Neighborhood Greenway Enhancement Project

Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Eudaly, and Commissioners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the <u>Tillamook Neighborhood Greenway</u> <u>Enhancement Project</u>. We commend the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) on its effort to increase safety and access along the Tillamook Greenway, which is aligned with the transportation priorities for the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN).

We support the project objectives of creating a low-stress walking and biking connection in the Eliot and Irvington neighborhoods by reducing vehicle speeds and volumes and improving safety at intersections. We request PBOT maximize safety on Tillamook between N Williams and NE MLK and at the 21st Ave intersection, as these locations do not meet the adopted performance measures for greenways.

We also encourage PBOT to develop a design solution at the 26th Ave intersection where the Tillamook Greenway crosses the 20s Greenway that enhances access for people walking and biking. As more greenways cross in the future, intersection treatments that are replicable and easily legible for people walking, biking, and driving will be essential.

As with all transportation projects that may result in diversion of traffic onto neighborhood streets, we appreciate the commitment of PBOT to collect pre- and post-project data and to provide ongoing monitoring and interventions, as needed, to support safe neighborhoods.

By improving transportation safety and access, the improvements to the Tillamook Greenway will support the City's goal of ensuring that by 2030, 80% of residents can easily walk and bicycle to meet their basic non-work needs, as adopted by City Council in the 2015 Climate Action Plan.

For these reasons we request that Council fully support PBOT's efforts to enhance safety and access along the Tillamook Greenway.

Regards

Mariah Dula, Chair

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