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Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Hall
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Dear Commissioner Saltzman,

BikeLoudPDX would like to express its organizational support for implementing protected bicycle lanes throughout the entire length of NW Naito Parkway/Front Avenue from NW 21st Avenue south through the Union Pacific Railroad crossing at the Steel Bridge and into downtown Portland, as part of permanent bicycle enhancements directly along Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

We fully agree with the Pearl District Neighborhood Association and the Northwest District Association in their letter of June 14:

“This continuous protected bicycle facility must be installed within the designated planning horizon of the updated Central City Transportation System Plan and, in addition, should maintain funding eligibility for potential Transportation System Development Charge revenues. This upgrade would help enhance multimodal transportation safety and access for residents within our communities, including the residents of several existing and planned affordable housing developments along Naito Parkway and in the North Pearl District.”

Protected bike lanes would be particularly effective on this section of NW Naito Ave due to the relatively few numbers of driveways and large numbers of residential units.

Since the proposed draft of the TSP only includes bicycle facility upgrades north of NW 9th Ave (Project #20070) and south of the Steel Bridge (Project #20127), there will be a gap in protection between these two projects, currently prioritized between 1-10 years in the TSP timeframe. We, along with the above organizations, recommend that PBOT close the gap by extending Project #20070 south to the Steel Bridge, so that it can be included in both the

Central City 2035 TSP and the TSDC update. This would allow it to be in the TSP and eligible for SDC funds, with only small changes to the project's description and cost estimation.

We urge PBOT to make these important changes to Project #20070 as soon as possible and look forward to working with them on the implementation.

Sincerely,

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