



July 16, 2020

Metro Council
600 NE Grand
Portland, OR 97232

Re: Get Moving 2020

Dear Metro Councilors,

Deep thanks to Metro Council and all the staff and community members who worked on this measure.

My name is Stephanie Noll, I'm a North Portland resident and a small business owner. I'm a parent of two energetic 9 year olds, and have never been more thankful for the sidewalks, parks, trails, and quiet streets that provide for their running, scooting, biking, and (new-during-stay-at-home) pogo-sticking needs. I'm a sister and housemate to an adult sibling with disabilities who relies primarily on public transit to get to work, to groceries, and to connect with our community. Today, I am also submitting testimony on behalf of the Oregon Trails Coalition.

COVID-19 has brought into stark relief the disparities in health, mobility, and economic prosperity in our community. It has also raised the profile of the need for our public spaces and transportation infrastructure to not just move cars, but provide places for people to safely move their bodies, breath fresh air, fight isolation, find some health-giving moments in their day. The current national spotlight on racism and the violence faced by Black community members in our public spaces is a call to action to us all to examine how our individual actions and public policies are upholding white supremacy, or moving the bus toward a more equitable future.

I hope Council is considering the final measure to be referred to the ballot with this lens. If investments don't improve public safety, and health, climate, and economic justice, they do not belong in this measure, and we do very much need this measure to be referred to the ballot this year.

As a representative of the Oregon Trails Coalition, I want to share our support specifically for the investments in trails in the current draft of Get Moving 2020.

We hope any measure you refer to the ballot retains investments in the:

- Council Creek Trail connecting Hillsboro and Forest Grove
- Planning for NE Alderwood to NE Killingsworth Path
- I-84 Path connections at Fremont St. and at 181st Ave
- Trolley Trail Bridge over Clackamas River.

As well as a \$9 million annual investment in Regional Walking and Biking Connections defined as:

- Pedestrian and bicycle bridges over major roads, waterways and other barriers



- Paved trails
- Bikeways protected from vehicle traffic.

In closing, Oregon Trails Coalition is a member of the Getting There Together Coalition, and we support the full suite of transit and on-street safety investments to increase mobility for all, community stability investments to prevent displacement of families and businesses, and measures to ensure equity, accountability, and transparency throughout the life of the measure.

We support the referral of the measure to the November ballot.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Noll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Noll