



Homestead Neighborhood Association

7688 SW Capitol Highway
Portland, OR 97219

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Regional Travel Options
Metro
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear RTO Selection Committee,

The Homestead Neighborhood Association is pleased to support Oregon Health and Science University's Regional Travel Options grant application. OHSU's proposal to implement a customized trip planning program for all new employees and students has the potential to significantly influence thousands of commute choices and help more people choose non-drive alone options to travel to OHSU.

If funding is awarded, the OHSU Transportation & Parking department plans to provide customized trip plans for all new employees and students. These trip plans will provide information on how the individual can get from their home to OHSU and highlight the differences in cost, time, carbon emissions and other factors to help people make informed decisions about their transportation options. If the individual decides that driving is the best option for them, Transportation and Parking can encourage carpooling, and the plan will also outline the best driving route for them to take. This is important as Transportation and Parking will be able to direct new employees and students to take desired routes, leaving other routes less congested for emergency vehicle access and local neighborhood travel.

The residents of the neighborhood are greatly impacted by the amount of traffic going to and from Marquam Hill. As OHSU continues to experience rapid growth, there are rising concerns about increased traffic and congestion. As the institution grows, getting more people to bike, walk or take transit will be a necessity.

The Homestead Neighborhood Association strongly encourages RTO funding be awarded to bring this project to fruition and help increase the number of people using alternative travel options to get to OHSU. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in reviewing OHSU's application materials.

Sincerely,

Ed Fischer, Chair
The Homestead Neighborhood Association