

## **SWTrails PDX**

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Dear Tom:

At the October meeting of SWTrails, we reviewed the excellent report “East Portland In Motion” prepared by Ellen Vanderslice and her associates at PBOT. We found the report very complete and the projects presented in a logical manner.

We feel it is important that a similar report be prepared for SW Portland to arrange our many projects in an impartial, logical sequence based on mutually agreed upon criteria. Our SWTrails PDX organization stands ready to participate in the gathering of materials for the study and to participate in the process of the report preparation.

We feel that a comprehensive report such as this will remove much of the in fighting that frequently accompanies resource allocation decision making activities. Once we have the “SW In Motion” Report, the two reports can be merged to provide a uniform list of projects in order of completion that we can follow to improve the infrastructure of both areas of the City of Portland.

We realize funds are in short supply, but having a good plan that fairly and carefully sets forth priorities in a logical manner will prove to be invaluable and will reduce the staff time that must be put into the front end of projects to select the ones that should be addressed.

We feel it is very important to move forward using factual criteria for project selection rather than the way projects have been selected in the past with little or no information on costs, vehicle counts, speeds or other safety and usage criteria.

Sincerely,

Don Baack  
President