



THE STREET TRUST ACTION FUND

Supporting champions for multimodal options who prioritize transportation safety, accessibility, equity, and climate justice in the Portland Metro Region and beyond

Dear Candidate for Local Office:

We are inviting you to fill out the attached candidate questionnaire from The Street Trust Action Fund, which is the 501c4 arm of The Street Trust. The Street Trust advocates to ensure voters and policy makers see the universal benefits when we prioritize transportation safety, accessibility, equity, and climate. We educate decision-makers in the comprehensive solutions for the people who use our streets, in support of our members, our partners, and everyone who travels in and through Greater Portland.

We work at the intersections of an ongoing transportation crisis. Every day, our unsafe and incomplete public streets threaten our lives and livelihoods. We refuse to settle for an antiquated transportation system that worsens disparities and sacrifices our future.

We are rooted in the belief we can stop preventable death resulting from inequality, lax safety, and climate change. We are ready to win policy transformation and major investments that save lives, reduce barriers, and expand opportunities to the people and neighborhoods our current system neglects.

To win, we need key transportation decision makers in our lane. Together we can end the public health emergency of traffic deaths through policy change and public investments that make our region more livable, equitable, and healthy. It's time to reclaim our streets, and our future.

Thank you for running for local office - good luck!

Thomas Le Ngo

Board Chair, The Street Trust Action Fund (501c4)

Board Member, The Street Trust Community Fund (501c3)

2022 Primary Election Endorsement Questionnaire

Much of our current transportation system was designed to perpetuate white supremacy. Indigenous communities carved transportation routes throughout the region that long predated our paved roads. We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded, ancestral lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Cowlitz bands of Chinook, Tualatin Kalapuya, Molalla and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River.

Projects like Interstate 5 stand as constant reminders of the oppressive relationship between urban transportation systems and communities of color. There have been many many small and large-scale projects that have proceeded without any care or consideration given to the impacts on communities of color. The Street Trust recognizes this history and commits to using this knowledge to inform all of our policy decisions.

We understand that running for office is demanding and that your time and resources may be limited. This questionnaire helps us establish which candidates should be considered for endorsement by virtue of their deep and sustained commitment to The Street Trust's mission, vision, and values. You will be notified via email if our Action Fund board wants to schedule a follow-up interview with you.

Please complete this questionnaire and return to actionfund@thestreettrust.org no later than midnight on April 13, 2022 if you would like to be considered for our endorsement in the May 17, 2022, primary election in time for inclusion in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

Basic Information

Candidate Name:

Seat Sought/Jurisdiction:

Campaign Contact Info:

URL to transportation policy platform on campaign website:

If you don't have a transportation platform, would you like our help developing one?

Please briefly answer the follow questions:

1. What is the purpose of a transportation system, as you understand it?
2. How many trips per week do you take via active transportation and/or public transit?
3. What specific transportation projects and policy wins have you played a key role in and how?
4. What are your plans to change transportation policy to emphasize safety and/or reduce the number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries in our region/state?
5. State highways controlled by ODOT criss-cross our region's urban areas. These "orphan highways" are some of our most dangerous and deadly roadways, year after year. What will you do to retrofit these "orphan highways" for multimodal mobility, reduce greenhouse gas pollution, and advance equity for people historically underserved by our current transportation system including, but not limited to, BIPOC, low-income Portlanders and people with disabilities?
6. To increase access to opportunity for low-income people and reduce our impact on the climate, we have to be funding public transit. What will you do to support and expand transit ridership? What reforms to transit projects, operations, and/or governance will you support and/or forward?
7. What are your plans to change transportation policy in your jurisdiction to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution from transportation and vehicle miles traveled? Do you support mandating that GHG impacts be evaluated at the beginning of project selection and planning?
8. As we transition away from the fossil fuel economy, gas taxes are increasingly unsustainable. How do you think we should pay for our transportation system? How are you planning to forward any of these ideas during your administration?
9. Relieving congestion is a goal of most transportation agencies. The principle of induced demand means adding lanes won't cure snarled traffic: additional car space inevitably invites more trips, until gridlock is as bad as ever, if not worse. Despite this, ODOT (like state DOTs across the U.S.) is widening roadways around the Portland Metro to decrease congestion. Please tell us your position on induced demand and the suite of freeway expansion projects currently planned for our region.
10. How will you advance a transportation system that manages demand and prioritizes multimodal infrastructure over expanding capacity for drive-alone

trips at peak hours? Please include a list of any pricing strategies you will support and/or promote to manage demand on our system.

11. Is there anything we haven't asked that you believe we should know?