



Chair Stanley and Members of the Portland Planning Board,

The Portland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PBPA) would like to express our support for the proposed improvements to multi-modal transportation presented by the Roux Institute Institutional Development Plan (IDP). We would also like to request a meeting with members of the Planning Board, as well as those responsible for transportation components of the project, to provide in-depth input on the proposed bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

The proposed Roux Institute development has the potential to not only increase Portland's green space and ocean-front trails, but also to extend Portland's existing bicycling network and better connect parts of the city and neighboring communities that are currently best served by car traffic. The potential to connect the Institute to the Back Cove Trail and to the peninsula by creating a path on the east side of Tukey's Bridge would greatly reduce the dangers of bicycling or walking to the Institute.

One of the main concerns of a development this size is the negative impact it may have on traffic in the area. By ensuring, from the beginning, that the campus is designed around bicycling, walking, and public transportation rather than cars, the need to drive to access the campus can be reduced, thus reducing traffic impacts and creating a safer, more vibrant neighborhood.

PBPA has had a number of discussions regarding the potential for improved infrastructure since the initial announcement of this project, and we would like to request a walk audit with members of the planning board and project planners to ensure that the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists are met and duly prioritized. We look forward to providing feedback as the project progresses.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Clark
Chair
Portland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The Portland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is an ad-hoc group of Portland-area residents working to make the city and region a better place to walk, bicycle, and wheelchair. We advocate and educate on bicycle, transit, and pedestrian issues, including handicap accessibility. We work in collaboration with other organizations including the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Portland Trails, PACTS, the Portland Department of Public Works and the Portland Planning Department.