

Portland Disability Advisory Committee - August 2014

You are welcome to join the Portland Disability Advisory Committee which meets the first Wednesday of the month at Portland City Hall in room 25. If you would like to follow up with the City of Portland on any of the questions below please call the City Managers Office: 207-874-8685

This survey can also be completed online at:

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1759851/Portland-Disability-Advisory-Committee-August-2014>

1) Please pick the nature of your disability:*

- Cognitive Mental/Emotional Physical Hearing Vision
 Multiple Other _____

2) Where do you live in Portland?

- Downtown/Peninsula
 USM area
 Deering Center
 North Deering
 The Islands
 I don't live in Portland

Comments: _____

3) How many years have you lived in Portland?

- All my life Less than a year 1-5 years More than 5 Years

4) What is your age?

- Under 20 21-40 41-65 Over 65

5) Your race or ethnicity:

- Native American White Asian American African American Other

6) How accessible is the place you live for people with disabilities?

- Good Fair Poor

7) Do you feel that you need help with any of these activities in your home? (check all that apply)

- Bathing Dressing Eating Cooking Using the toilet
 Getting around inside the home None of these Other _____

8) Do you have family members, close friends, or people you know that live in the same neighborhood as you?

- Yes No

9) Here is a list of problems that may occur in some neighborhoods, Please check the ones that you think may be a problem in your neighborhood. (Check all that apply)

- Heavy traffic, Traffic lights are too few or too fast for me to walk across the street
 Crime
 Not enough affordable housing
 Not enough accessible housing
 Streets and sidewalks need repair
 Streets are too dark at night
 Poor public services such as garbage or snow removal

Comments: _____

10) I would like to stay in Portland as long as I can

- Yes No

11) How well maintained are the sidewalks, curb cuts and paths in your neighborhood?

- Good Fair Poor There are no sidewalks where I live

12) Do you have a problem getting into public buildings (example: Library, school) that you would like to visit in Portland?

- Very often Often Sometimes Not too often No problem at all

13) If Yes, which public buildings? _____

14) Do you have problems getting into businesses (example: restaurants, stores) that you would like to visit in Portland?

- Very often Often Sometimes Not too often No problem at all

15) If yes, what types of businesses? _____

16) If you have a service animal, have you ever been denied access to a business in Portland?

- Yes No

17) If you have a service or therapy animal, have you ever been denied access to housing in Portland?

- Yes No

18) During the week, do you? (check all that apply)

- Go to church or another place of worship for services or activities
- Go to a movie, play, concert, restaurant, sporting event or other social activity
- Go to a group meeting
- Go to a friend's home
- Have someone come to your house
- Go to your local park
- Walk the dog
- None of these

19) What are the biggest barriers to going to events and activities in Portland? (check all that apply)

- I have not encountered any barriers
- Transportation
- Cost
- Facilities are not physically accessible
- Attitudes of other people
- Other - please specify: _____

20) What kind of transportation do you use most often?

- I drive my own car or van
- My family or friends drive me
- My service provider drives me
- I use Metro
- I use a bus system for people with disabilities
- I use cabs or a taxi service
- I walk or wheel myself to places I want to go
- Other _____

21) If you drive or get rides from others, is there enough accessible parking in Portland?

Yes No Comments: _____

22) Do you feel safe when you are traveling to places you want to go and need to get to?

Yes No Comments: _____

23) Do you live on or near a bus route?

Yes No Comments: _____

24) How often do you take the bus?

Never Daily Monthly

25) If you don't use the bus system, why not?

- The times that the bus comes doesn't meet my needs
- I can't carry all the stuff I need on the bus
- I can't afford to pay to use the bus
- I don't like to wait out in the rain or cold
- Other: _____

26) Additional comments on things that the City of Portland can do to help you live better as a resident with a disability: _____

Thank You!

If you would like to send this survey in please mail to: 55 Portland St Portland, ME 04101

If you would like more information on resources for independent living in Portland please contact Alpha One at: 1-800-640-7200