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Mr. Rick Bauman,

I need to inform you of the new restrictions for all athletic cost recovery events in 2017.

As you may remember in 2016 the Police Bureau faced a significant staffing shortage. Based on that, we developed restrictions to ensure all events were safe, fun and successful. The restrictions included the following:

- No new events would be accepted in 2016.
- If any 2015 event decided not to renew their event in 2016, they would not be allowed to return until the Portland Police Bureau reached adequate staffing levels.
- Any route change of an existing footprint was acceptable as long as it didn't create the need for additional police resources from the 2015 event.

With these conditions in place, the Portland Police Bureau was able to staff all events except one without augmenting with certified flaggers.

Unfortunately, our staffing levels have deteriorated even further over the last year to unprecedented levels with no immediate end in sight. The staffing levels in patrol are so low that the Police Bureau sometimes struggles to staff basic patrol districts. On October 20, 2016, some specialty units, including the Traffic Division, will reduce staffing and send officers back to patrol to provide basic police services. The remaining specialty unit officers from around the Bureau will work one day a week in patrol. Based on that, all 2016 restrictions will remain in place along with four new restrictions for 2017:

- No event may utilize more than thirty three (33) police officers/sergeants.
- The number of officers/sergeants will be determined by the Traffic Division Special Events Sergeant in conjunction with the event organizer, the City of Portland Traffic Engineer, and the Portland Bureau of Transportation Event Coordinator.
- Event organizers cannot supplement certified professional flaggers for police officers.
- Event organizers cannot opt to staff their events using certified flaggers as the sole source only for route closures on City right of ways.

I have reviewed the 2016 map from your event "The Bridge Pedal". The 8 and 10 Bridge rides do not meet our 2017 restrictions. With this in mind, I would like to meet

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with you to discuss our options for a 6 Bridge ride in order to ensure a fun, safe and successful event.

I understand is not what you want to hear, but the reality is we do not have the resources we once had. In tough times like this we must be creative, thoughtful and willing to reengineer what we have done in the past.

I would ask any new routes be finalized prior to March 1, 2017 in order to give our PBOT Traffic Engineer's time to recreate any new traffic control plans and intersection diagrams.

I am happy to meet with you to discuss our options as we move forward in 2017 in developing new routes. I know this is not good news, but I am here to help you have a successful event amidst our staffing shortage.

Regards,



Sgt. Bret Barnum
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