



DATE: October 14, 2026
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cornell Wesley, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Report Number 26-30

Update on Advance Portland: A Call to Action for Inclusive Economic Growth

Brief description of information item

No action is requested; information only.

At the October 14, 2026, Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners (Board) meeting, Prosper Portland staff will provide an update on the City of Portland's five-year economic development strategy known as *Advance Portland: A Call to Action for Inclusive Economic Development* (*Advance Portland*), highlighting successes and challenges from the first three years of implementation, discuss the recalibration and opportunities for focus in the final two years of the strategy, and preview next steps.

Background and context

On April 12, 2023, through Resolution No. 7481, the Board endorsed *Advance Portland* and recommended adoption by the Portland City Council (City Council).

On April 26, 2023, through Resolution 37617, City Council adopted *Advance Portland* and directed the creation of an external advisory committee to advise on implementation and monitor progress for *Advance Portland*. Former City Commissioner Carmen Rubio nominated and convened the *Advance Portland* Advisory Committee in September 2023 to shape and advise implementation of *Advance Portland*, identify impediments, advocate for resources, and to monitor progress of key actions in the adopted plan.

Mayor Wilson reconvened the *Advance Portland* Advisory Committee on February 26, 2026, to initiate an update to the *Advance Portland* strategy. Prosper Portland staff reengaged strategic partners and elected officials and will present Prosper Portland's high level work plan for the final two years of the strategy at the Portland City Council City Life Committee on October 13, 2026.

Attachments

None.