2016 Group Health STP Presented by Alaska Airlines Route for Personal Support Vehicles (PSV’s)

We have designed the Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic so you DO NOT NEED a PSV. We provide excellent support services for STP cyclists all along the route. STP is an excellent route for cyclists, not for cars. The #1 one complaint we get from riders and the local communities is about PSV. For the safety of all the STP riders.

We work especially hard to get riders onto quiet, low traffic roads wherever possible. Personal Support Vehicles take away any chance we have to get riders onto quieter, safer, roads. Best practice is to look at the rest stop locations and find a place nearby (parks, shopping centers, public lots) to meet up with your rider. Please be respectful of the experience those without support vehicles are trying to have and stay off route as much as possible. The food at Official Rest Stops is for registered riders only, please do not take the free food meant to support the riders.

PSV’s Driving Directions to suggested meet up spots:

1. Mile mark 24 – REI Food Stop in Kent. There is a lot in the back of REI Headquarters where you can park. Please do not come into the food stop area, it is for registered riders only. From I-5 S take exit 152 for Orilla Rd, LEFT on S 188th St, RIGHT onto 64th Ave S. The lot is on your left before you reach 228th Ave S. You can call your rider and have them meet you here. GPS Coordinates (47°23’56.7”N 122°15’16.3”W) Head back to I-5 S for next stop.

2. Mile mark 54 – Spanaway. From I-5 S take exit 127 for WA-512 E toward Puyallup/S Tacoma Way. Turn LEFT onto WA-512, take the Steele St Exit, turn LEFT onto Steele St S, turn LEFT on Military (watch for STP bike traffic). You will see an Albertsons 104 Military Rd S, Tacoma, WA 98444. Large lot and the food stop is just one block away. Let your rider know you are there. From here you can take Hwy 507 S. This is the section where riders will be on the military base (support vehicles will not have access to this road). Please meet up with them in Yelm. Be aware that you will be on the main route from Roy until Yelm, please use caution while passing.

3. Mile Mark- 75- Yelm- follow Hwy 507 and turn into Sunbird Shopping Center, NE Algiers Rd SE, Yelm, WA 98597. There is food available and a large lot here, choose a place to rendezvous with your rider. Please use caution you are on the main bicycle route.

4. Mile mark 100–Centralia College- Follow 507 to Tenino. Riders will be on the bike path that runs parallel to the road. Turn RIGHT onto W 6th Ave/Old Hwy 99 SE, turn left onto I-5 S, take exit 82 for Harrison Ave, LEFT on Harrison, continue on Main St. RIGHT on Washington Ave. 600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia, WA 98531 pay attention to parking restrictions in this area! Head back to I-5 S. Allow your rider to get well ahead of you. The route runs parallel to I-5 and if they need you they can call. You can follow the highway to the exit they are nearest. There is no need for PSVs on SR-411.

5. Mile mark 143–Kelso. From I-5 S take exit 40 toward WA-4 S/Kelso/Long Beach/Long View, RIGHT on Kelso Ave, RIGHT onto Cowlitz Way, RIGHT onto WA-4 W, turn into Triangle mall and rendezvous with your rider. 700 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview, WA 98632 From Kelso we would appreciate all support vehicles heading into the Finish line- Mile mark 202. If you MUST stay on route EI please be very careful. You are adding to an already congested area with riders and cars. Hwy 30 should be avoided.

6. Mile mark 172– Follow Westside Hwy to the Lewis and Clark Bridge, follow Hwy 30 to St. Helens. There is a Safeway, Walmart, McDonalds and many other establishments for food and a meet up with your rider. DO NOT turn into the High School, it is crowded with bikes strewn all over the parking lot. The food stop is for registered riders only.

7. Mile mark 202– Finish Line Festival at Holladay Park- in northeast Portland, next to Lloyd Center. From I-5 southbound or northbound, take Exit #302A (City Center/Rose Quarter). Follow the exit to NE Weidler St. and head east. Continue to NE 9th Ave., and take a right. Then take a left on Multnomah St. The finish line in Holladay Park will be on your right between NE 11th and 13th Ave., just south of Lloyd Center. Lots of parking in the general area. Most are pay parking lots along Multnomah St.

Thank you so much for your consideration in making STP a safe ride for everyone. We hope you come and celebrate your rider’s amazing accomplishment at the Finish Line with us. Maybe even with an official STP support driver T-shirt!