



## Two-Day Mobile Study Tour – Portland, OR and Surrounding Communities

February 9-10, 2016

**SAVE THE DATE!** Blue Zones, LLC is excited to be partnering with Local Government Commission (LGC) to lead a pre- NPSG conference two-day mobile study tour of Portland and surrounding communities, **February 9-10, 2016.**

The Pacific Northwest is the richest place for discovering the latest tools and applications of transportation and land-use planning for creating healthy, sustainable, resilient and prosperous communities for all. Portland started planning and funding its multi-modal future in 1973. Today, the City has a Walk Score (walkscore.com) of 99, 52 miles of light rail track, 630 miles of bicycle infrastructure (by 2016), a bike commuter rate of 6%, and now seeks a 25% bike mode share within 20 years. Come walk, bike and transit with us as we discovery a livability mecca within the U.S. We will also feature outlying communities –transforming their cities from suburban-style to walkable village center—including Lake Oswego, Fairview, Hillsboro and Orenco Station.

Our pace will not be strenuous, but be sure to be in good health, and know that we will be on the move from 8:00 each morning to as late as 8:00 each night.

If you are interested in joining the pre-tour please email us at [BEinstitute@bluezones.com](mailto:BEinstitute@bluezones.com) and be sure to include your contact information, and a line or two that describes your level of interest. We will be sending out registration information in mid-November.

**About the Guides:** **Dan Burden, Director of Innovation and Inspiration** for Blue Zones, LLC. Dan is the nation's most experienced organizer and leader of walking audits and built environment mobile study tours. This will be his 18<sup>th</sup> multiple day discovery tour. **Samantha Thomas (Urban Designer, Built Environment Manager)** for Blue Zones, LLC. She has assembled and managed two recent very complex 2015 3-day mobile study tours in the Pacific Northwest (for Hawaii participants), managed multiple town-making charrettes, led hundreds of walking audits, and both plans and manages all Blue Zones built environment projects. **Paul Zykovsky (Planner)** directs the Local Government Commission's programs related to community design, healthy communities and water. He has led hundreds of walking audits on his own, and he has co-lead three other multiple day mobile study tours with Dan, two of which have been in the Pacific Northwest. Together, this team knows how to provide you a lens and learning experience to shape your future growth.