



What's Your Vision for 122nd?

More Stores? Calmer Traffic?

More GreenSpace? Better Housing?

Join us in a study of SE 122nd Avenue.

- Neighborhood Walk
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Fall Workshop



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Planning and Sustainability
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Dear Community Member:

As you know, Portland is a growing and changing city. We're experiencing growth because Portland is an attractive place to live, work and recreate. As people move to the area, it creates the need for shopping, services, parks, sidewalks, and other amenities that serve and improve neighborhoods. But growth and change can also stress community services and impact livability. A key question for Portlanders and Powellhurst-Gilbert neighbors alike is how to best accommodate new residents and maintain livability.

To help answer that question, the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is undertaking the Portland Plan, an update of the city's Comprehensive Plan. The bureau has also started a Portland Plan "pilot study" focusing on the SE 122nd Avenue corridor in Powellhurst-Gilbert between SE Division Street and SE Foster Road to consider ideas about how the area should grow and change in the future. *We want your ideas and input!*

Some of the questions we are exploring:

- How can 122nd Avenue evolve over time to create a better sense of community and identity?
- How can the design of new housing in the 122nd Avenue corridor be improved to make it more compatible and attractive and still accommodate growth?
- Is there a way for the study area to support a wider array of local retail and services?
- What types of changes would create a healthier and more sustainable neighborhood?



The study will engage the neighborhood — residents, businesspeople, non-profits, schools, and other stakeholders — in a process to help answer these questions over the next 10 months. While the study will not result in immediate change, it will develop a list of recommendations that can affect the use of property, appearance of future buildings, improvements to the transportation system, and other community features.

Neighborhood Walks — September 26th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

This is the last in a series of neighborhood walks to get “on the ground” feedback from neighbors and other stakeholders. Guided by project staff from the City of Portland, the walks are an opportunity for you to comment on neighborhood features you value, and to think about and discuss how buildings, streets, sidewalks, parks, and other community features could change in the future as the area grows. There will be two walks at the same time: one will cover the area between SE Division and SE Holgate, and the other will cover the area between SE Holgate and SE Foster. Participants will need to choose which area to walk. The neighborhood walk routes are similar to walks conducted earlier this summer, however you are welcome to attend even if you joined one of the earlier guided walks. Each walk is up to 2 miles, so bring your ideas, walking shoes, and a camera if you'd like.

**Please meet the group at Leander Court Apartments Community Room,
4620 SE 122nd Avenue, by 9:30 a.m. Space on the walks is limited.
Please e-mail us at se122study@ci.portland.or.us, or call 503-823-7700
if you want to participate.**

Next Steps — Fall Workshop

A community workshop to share data about existing conditions, information and ideas from the walks, and to discuss future possibilities will be held in November 2009. Contact project staff Barry Manning or Julia Gisler at 503-823-7700 or e-mail se122study@ci.portland.or.us to get on the mailing list for future events and opportunities to comment.

For more information on the SE 122nd Avenue Study, visit www.portlandonline.com/bps/se122study.



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