

# Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan Update

## AGENDA

### Stakeholder Advisory Committee #1

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

6-7:30pm

SE Works

7916 SE Foster Road  
Portland, Oregon 97206

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Process and scope
  - a. Deliverables
  - b. Timeline
3. Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)
  - a. Roles, rules and responsibilities
  - b. Meeting times and logistics
4. Project Goals
5. Next Steps
6. Public Comment

*Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.*

Project website:

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/57866>

FLIP website:

<http://www.pdc.us/our-work/urban-renewal-areas/lents/current-projects/flip.aspx>

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### Purpose

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This planning process by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) will update the 2003 *Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan*, which identified multimodal transportation Improvements along Foster Road from SE 50<sup>th</sup> to SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

This effort will revisit and finalize the recommendations in the original plan prior to constructing priority safety (e.g. curb extensions, marked crossings, upgraded traffic signals or medians, etc.) and streetscape (e.g. trees, street lights, etc.) improvements, scheduled to begin in 2014.

Plan elements:

- Identify potential changes to the cross section (the space allocation in the public right-of-way)
- Identify and prioritize safety and streetscape improvements
- Identify transportation improvements that support and complement the efforts of the Foster Lents Integration Partnership (FLIP) process, the multi bureau effort for the Foster corridor.

### Background

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The 2003 *Foster Road Transportation and Streetscape Plan* was developed via a public process that outlined improvements for the street, from SE 50<sup>th</sup> to SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues, to enhance safety and appearance as well as support the people and businesses in the surrounding community.

In early 2012 the City of Portland was awarded \$1.25 million, as part of the 2012-15 *Regional Flexible Fund Allocation*, to implement many of the improvements identified in the plan related to safety and streetscape. The Portland Development Commission also set aside \$2 million for this effort, bringing the total to \$3.25 million.

Since 2003, the City of Portland has adopted two plans that directly affect Foster Road: the *Portland Streetcar System Concept Plan* and the *Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030*. These plans call for adding both streetcar and bicycle infrastructure (e.g. bicycle lanes) on Foster Road sometime in the future.

### Timeline and process

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The planning process is expected to last approximately 10-12 months. At the end of the process a Draft Plan will be developed for adoption by City Council in 2013.

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## **Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)**

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### **Membership and Role**

This process will have a significant public involvement component. In addition to open houses and other public events, a SAC will be established to advise the process. The SAC will include representatives from a variety of private, community, institutional, and business interests. The primary responsibilities of the SAC are to:

- Advise City staff
- Provide two-way communication to groups and constituencies that SAC members represent
- Make recommendations on future access and circulation alternatives, transportation improvements and project priorities/phasing
- Participate in public events related to the study, including, for example, attendance at the public events/workshops, and future public hearing(s) at Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council.

### **SAC Meeting Procedures**

The SAC is expected to meet approximately every 4-6 weeks, though more than a meeting a month may occasionally be needed to keep up with the plan's schedule. Each SAC meeting will be facilitated to ensure that members can provide input on the plan and that staff obtain direction from the group as a whole on key aspects of the plan. All SAC meetings will provide an opportunity for public comment.

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## Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

### Roles and Responsibilities

1. Members will advise the City on the update of the transportation plan for Foster Road.
2. Members will review project materials prior to meetings (when materials are provided in advance) and provide feedback to PBOT staff.
3. Members will attend SAC meetings. Meetings will occur roughly once a month or as needed.
4. Members will be active participants in meetings and in the broader community involvement process.
5. Members will help host public events and attend whenever possible.
6. Members will keep their organization/constituents up to speed on the progress of the project by providing regular updates on the project and inviting them to up-coming public events.
7. Members will consult with their organizations/constituents on how to best represent their views, concerns and collective recommendations, and bring those viewpoints back to SAC deliberations.

### Principles and Ground Rules

1. Members will reflect the diversity of perspectives in the communities along the corridor.
2. Members will have an opportunity to share 'airtime' at meetings.
3. Members will help ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard.
4. Divergent views and opinions are expected. They are to be listened to and respected.
5. *Decision-making.* Decision will be reached ideally via consensus. If unattainable, majority rule via voting will be used to expedite the decision making process.
6. The power of the SAC to affect City decisions is in seeking agreement among its diverse membership.

# FOSTER ROAD TRANSPORTATION & STREETScape PLAN



City of Portland  
Office of Transportation  
Adopted July 9, 2003

# Project Goals

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The project goals were developed by the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) with input from the community at the September workshop. The goals, listed on this page, address the issues and needs identified for the project area by the CAC and the community.

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One of the project goals is to make Foster a pleasant and attractive place to walk.

## Streetscape

- Make the street a safe, pleasant, attractive and comfortable place to walk.

### *Recommended Actions*

- Make the street greener by adding street trees, planters, flower baskets, and more landscaping.
- Add banners.
- Add benches and places to sit.
- Improve lighting.
- Enhance the appearance of buildings.
- Create a consistent and memorable image for the street that reflects its history and character.
- Move sidewalk obstructions to ensure clear access and views.
- Add trash cans and find ways to reduce litter on the street.

## Pedestrian Travel

- Create a safe walking environment for pedestrians walking along and across the street.

### *Recommended Actions*

- Increase opportunities for pedestrian crossings, and improve crossing safety, including school crossings.
- Provide buffers between pedestrians and moving vehicles
- Reduce curb cuts.
- Ensure ADA-compliant curb ramps are in place.

## Vehicles

- Provide a safe corridor for vehicle travel that maintains an acceptable level of service and ensures smooth, consistent traffic movement.

### *Recommended Actions*

- Slow traffic on the street.
- Synchronize signals.
- Improve intersections and crossings for safety and clarity.
- Ensure adequate on-street parking exists to serve businesses.

## Transit

- Improve transit service on Foster.

### *Recommended Actions*

- Provide consistently spaced stops and transit stop amenities.
- Reduce travel time on corridor.

## Bicycle Travel

- Ensure bicyclists can safely ride on and cross Foster, and access Foster-area businesses.

### *Recommended Actions*

- Provide parking for bicycles.
- Provide safe bicycle crossings where designated bike routes cross Foster.
- Investigate the possibility of adding bike lanes to Foster.