

“Up Out of the Mud” Street by Street Initiative

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Background

Of the 2,070 centerline miles of City streets, approximately sixty (60) are still dirt and gravel streets. Forty five (45) centerline (cl) miles of unpaved streets are in single family residential areas, on “residential streets” and 167 cl miles of residential streets are paved without any curb or sidewalk. The remaining residential streets have curb with sidewalk fragments, a sidewalk on one side, or two complete sidewalks. Many dirt and gravel streets are concentrated in the neighborhoods of Cully, Brentwood Darlington, Woodstock and outer NE and SE Portland. Others are from areas like southwest Portland, which have significant topography, drainage or lack of infrastructure constraint, which limits the ability to implement the existing, one-size fits all, design standard for residential streets - the “traditional residential street standard”.

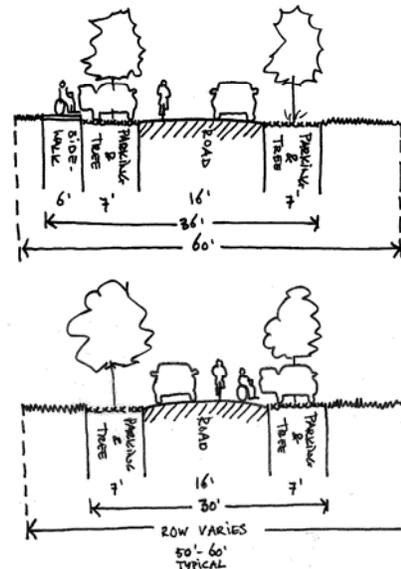
Currently, property owners that want to improve an unpaved street, or paved, with or without a sidewalk, have only one design standard to apply. The standard is out of reach financially for many homeowners to build. This standard is also often out of context in infill development situations.

Purpose

- Expanding options for residential street design.
- Expanding options for financing.

New Additional Design Standards for Residential Streets (To be Adopted)

- A) Separated Residential
- Reduces typical property owner LID costs by as much as 72%.
- B) Shared Residential
- Reduces typical property owner LID cost by as much as 78%.
 - For low volume streets only.



Financing

- *In-Lieu Fee (to be developed)*
Directs the Bureau of Transportation to continue development of a program that allows in-fill development the option of paying into a fund that can be used to leverage a full street LID.
- *Low Income Deferral (to be developed)*
Directs the Bureau of Transportation to continue development of a program that offers LIDs the option to defer costs over a longer period of time .

More Information

Please visit the project website at:

www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58466

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