# NE/SE 50's Bikeway Project
## Proposed Improvements: 52nd Ave/ Division to Lincoln

The Project:
The City of Portland has received a $1.5 million federal grant to develop and construct a 4.5 mile north-south bikeway connection between SE and NE Portland along 52nd and 53rd Ave.

52nd Ave, Division to Lincoln Issue:
Excessive traffic volumes (approximately 2,500 cars a day) on 52nd Ave between SE Division and Lincoln related to non-local/ cut-through traffic originating from and destined for 52nd Ave south of Division.

Objectives:
- Reduce non-local traffic volumes
- Minimize diversion to adjacent local streets
- Minimize impacts to local access
- Minimize impacts to transit service and emergency response

Preferred Alternative:

*Design:*
- Prohibit northbound traffic movements at SE 52nd Ave/ Division through regulation (signage), except buses and bicycles.
- Construct traffic island at north leg for regulatory signage
- Reconstruct north bound leg of the intersection to visually enhance that traffic should not be entering the neighborhood at that location.
- Curb extensions at 52nd Ave at Lincoln St to improve pedestrian and bicycle crossing safety.

*Evaluation:*
- Reduces traffic volumes on 52nd Ave by approximately 50%.
- Reduces traffic volumes on SE Lincoln- much of the traffic on Lincoln comes from or heads to 52nd Ave south of Division.
- Some diversion to SE 51st possible.
- Diversion to 53rd Ave less probable due to out-of-direction travel.
- Compatible with transit service and emergency response access.

Process:

- Community meeting on May 5th demonstrated support for proposed improvements.
- Project will seek the endorsement of the Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association (tentatively scheduled for May 18).
- City Council this summer for overall project approval.
- The improvements will be tested (later this year)and evaluated prior to final construction to ensure project goals are being addressed.
- City policy limits extent of acceptable diversion to adjacent local streets.

For more information

- Bureau of Transportation website/ 50's Bikeway Project
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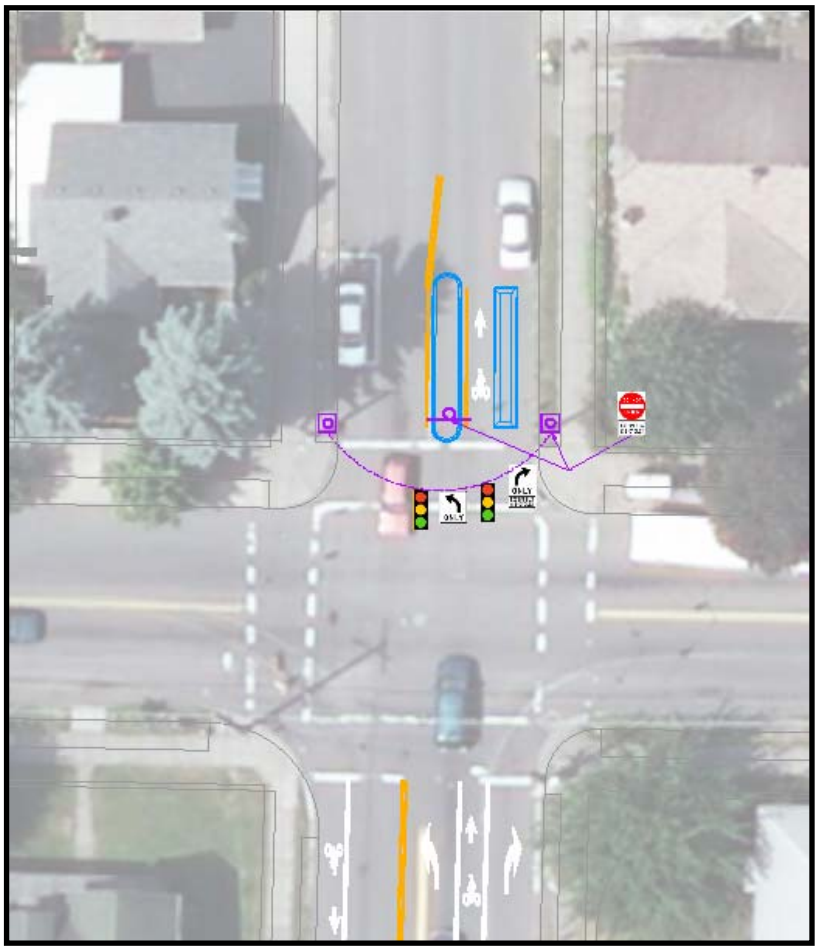
**Recommended Improvements**