

NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS PROGRAM



Why do we need a Neighborhood Streets Program?

In Portland, a little less than 4% of the 1,181 miles of residential side streets are unimproved—dirt and gravel. Another 17% of these streets are under-improved—some pavement and/or sidewalks, but no street curb. Unimproved streets make it difficult for neighbors to safely and easily walk through their communities to get to work, school, parks, and shopping destinations.

In Spring 2016 the City adopted the Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge (LTIC), a charge on new infill development occurring on these streets in single-dwelling residential zones. With the charge in place, the City is now designing the Neighborhood Streets Program (NSP), a framework to determine project selection, outline design standards for the new improvements, and to establish the overall project financing strategy.



For the purposes of the NSP, “unimproved residential side streets” are defined as streets in single-dwelling residential zones, used for local traffic, and are currently dirt and gravel, or have some minor improvements, but are lacking curb (and possibly stormwater management or room for people walking).

Planning Timeline

2015	2016	Winter 2017	Spring/Summer 2017	Summer/Fall 2017	2018+
LTIC		Neighborhood Streets Program/Planning			
Provides a predictable and fair approach for property owners building a new house to meet their transportation improvement obligations. Adopted April 2016.	<p>Listen and analyze: Community values and priorities</p> <p>Study and analyze: Scope of problems and potential funding solutions</p>	<p>Listen and study: Community feedback on Prioritization Principles</p> <p>Targeted outreach to residents and property owners on unimproved streets</p> <p>Craft recommend funding mechanisms and models</p>	<p>Finalize Framework: Recommended Design, Funding, Process</p> <p>City Council: NSP Framework and direction for LTIC allocation</p>	Select, design, fund and build	

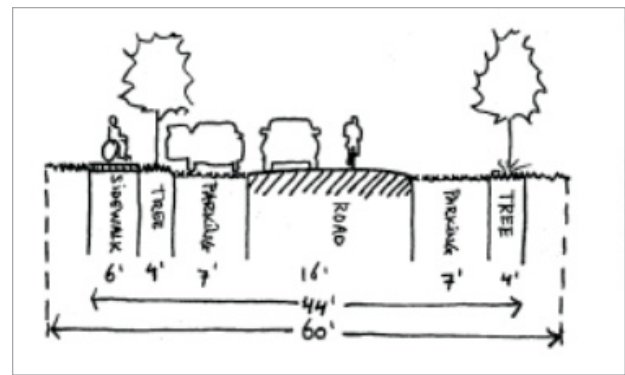
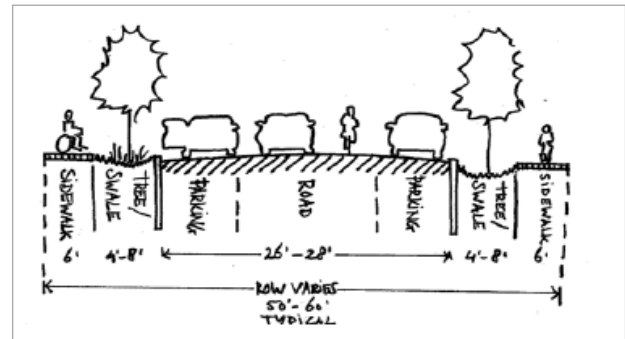
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What will be included in the Neighborhood Streets Program?

Recognizing the need to actively address the complexity of issues with unimproved streets, PBOT has begun planning for a new program. The NSP planning phase will result in a comprehensive program to fund and construct improvements on unimproved residential side streets. To ensure the program's effectiveness and equitable outcomes, PBOT is working with residents and property owners on unimproved streets to create a plan that addresses the three major functions of the program:

- » **Standards**—what street standards should be applied in what situations.
- » **Funding**—what public sources of funds should be dedicated to funding neighborhood transportation improvements and what level of private funding is reasonable to expect.
- » **Prioritization**— how the City will go about allocating limited funding for these improvements while balancing competing needs.

Traditional (top) and an Alternative Street Design



Source: City of Portland Street by Street Initiative

What streets are included in the Neighborhood Streets Program?

The Neighborhood Streets Program is dedicated to solving the longstanding issue of unimproved residential side streets. These streets are located throughout Portland in all types of neighborhoods (to view the online interactive map of unimproved streets go to: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/72452>). The NSP will address capital projects and will not include operations and maintenance.

Why not other streets?

Busier streets in Portland, such as arterials, have different programs and funding strategies, such as Fixing Our Streets and transportation grants.

For more information about the Neighborhood Streets Program, visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58466 or contact Anne Hill at 503.823.7239 or anne.hill@portlandoregon.gov.

For more information about the Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/68843> or contact Kurt Krueger at 503.823.6964 or kurt.krueger@portlandoregon.gov.

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