122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Plan: Safety, Access and Transit

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is looking at ways to improve safety, access and transit along the six-mile stretch of 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between SE Foster Road to the south and NE Marine Drive to the north (near the Columbia River).

This busy corridor connects key areas in east Portland serving people who drive, bike, walk and take the bus. However, the City has identified 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as a High Crash-Corridor, which means a high number of crashes occur on this road for all types of travelers.

Currently, 122nd Avenue is a difficult and stressful environment to walk, bike, cross the street and get to the bus, and does not adequately serve the many people who travel it. The street is typically a five-lane road with on-street parking, and narrow bike lanes. The sidewalks are often narrow and in poor condition. Also, most of 122nd Avenue does not meet the City’s new guidelines for how often a crosswalk is placed throughout the corridor. Buses experience delay, including slow and unreliable travel times.

Throughout 2018, PBOT wants to hear from you about how to make 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave more safe, accessible, comfortable and convenient for your travels.

In 2015, the City entered into a partnership in which TriMet will provide Frequent Service along bus line 73 and PBOT will build at least $8 million in safety, access and transit priority improvements in increments over roughly five years. Recently, PBOT completed roughly $4 Million of improvements along bus line 73 and TriMet increased the frequency of buses to full Frequent Service. Through the PBOT Fixing Our Streets (FOS) program, roughly $2 million more has been provided to 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to help identify and build high-priority improvements in 2019-2020. However, given the length and size of the corridor, we’ll need more funding in the future to complete all the goals for a better, safer and more accessible 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Overarching Plan Goals:

- Increase safety for all – improve pedestrian & bicycle access and support better transit while balancing needs of freight and other modes.
- Identify improvements to help remove 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave from the Vision Zero High Crash Corridor network.

This planning process, along with community input, will help the project team:

- Develop a recommendations document that outlines improvements for people walking, biking, taking the bus and driving on 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (also considered a multi-modal conceptual investment plan).
- Identify any street (cross-section) changes to the motor vehicle lanes, bike lanes, on-street parking, sidewalks and crossings.
- Identify transit priority treatments from the Enhanced Transit Toolbox to make buses quicker and more reliable.

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• Identify high-priority projects to build with the existing $3.3 million of ‘Fixing Our Streets’ money and other PBOT funding we have in 2020 (and new future funding, if any).
• Recommend future projects and look for ways to pay for them.

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• **May to August 2018**: We have been out talking with you and others in the community to gather input. We received over 1,000 survey responses through in-person and online engagement. We also worked with community liaisons to reach Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tongan and African communities.

• **Fall 2018**: We started to identify potential improvements and develop design concepts for a few approaches to making 122nd Avenue a safer place to travel. We will share potential improvements and a range of street cross-section alternatives for further evaluation. We are seeking your feedback to help shape recommendations.

• **November 7, 2018**: Public Open House at Midland County Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

• **Winter-Spring 2019**: Return to the community to get your feedback on the evaluation results, including recommended near-term priority improvements we should build next in 2020, and an overarching plan for the corridor.

• **2019-2020**: PBOT will start designing and building the near-term, priority projects.

**Your input is important!**

We want to make sure we hear a variety of different opinions and voices, so please tell us what you think!

We want to hear from people living in the area, as well as those that work, shop and go to school here. We’ll take all the comments, questions and ideas back to staff working at PBOT and TriMet. They’ll find some common ideas that will get us closer to making 122nd Avenue a safe place for people walking, biking, riding the bus and driving.

To learn more and share ideas, visit us online or contact us.

**Website:** [www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/122ndAve](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/122ndAve)

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