

## **Portland Traffic & Transportation**

### Class Project

We've all seen something in our transportation landscape that could use some improvement. But even when you have a great solution in mind, the problem of how to actually get that solution implemented can be daunting.

The purpose of the class project is to break the problem down into a process that you can work through one step at a time. Each week's assignment will take us one step further along the process.

### **Week 1**

Come up with a clearly defined transportation issue that you would like to work on as your project for the duration of this class. "Transportation issue" is very broadly defined.

- It could be a discrete, concrete, physical problem in a specific location:
  - A cracked, broken sidewalk in your neighborhood;
  - A bus line that doesn't run frequently enough in the evenings;
  - People frequently speed down a street and make it dangerous to cross the street.
  
- A conceptual issue:
  - People don't understand how to use traffic circles in this city;
  - Uber/Lyft operators loading and unloading in the bike lanes;
  - Current trail counting methods are limited and don't take advantage of existing technology.
  
- A program or process that you think should be adopted or changed:
  - There is currently no continuing education for drivers even though laws and street conditions change over time;
  - Advertising for Sunday Parkways doesn't reach a certain demographic.

The most important thing is that you choose something that you care about. Note that you're not being asked to come up with a solution yet - this week we're just focusing on the problem.

Your response can be a single sentence or up to a page in length. Please either bring a hard copy to class next week (Oct. 4th) or email it to the class moderators. Emailed assignments should be sent by noon on class day to give the moderators time to check in your assignment.