

Dedicating Right-of-way on SE 136th Avenue



HOW YOU CAN HELP PORTLAND BUILD SAFER STREETS — AND RECEIVE AN UPGRADED SIDEWALK!

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has identified hundreds of current and future projects across the City to make streets safer for all users – vehicles, cyclists, transit riders, and pedestrians. These projects often include widening sidewalks, or adding sidewalks where there are none, with design features that meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). PBOT typically has enough existing right-of-way to make these improvements — but in some cases, the City needs to obtain additional right-of-way from the adjacent private property owners.

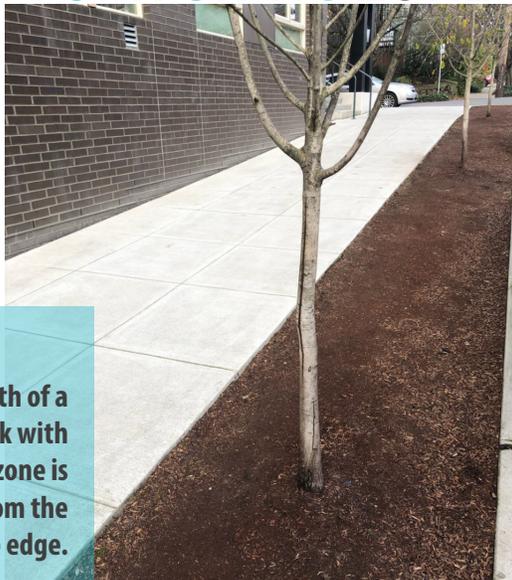
If the City has a project alongside your property, you may be able to *dedicate* right-of-way. This brings you certain benefits, which could include avoiding paying future development costs. (If you decided to add on to your house, for instance, you might be required to add or upgrade the sidewalk anyway. This way, you get it done for free. This may make properties more valuable in the future, as the next buyer or developer will save on those future costs.)

HOW MUCH SPACE IS NEEDED?

Even where PBOT has enough right-of-way to complete the minimum design for a project, the preferred design (such as adding a “furnishing zone,” shown below) might need more space. PBOT would like to build the best improvements possible in your neighborhood while stretching available funding. If a PBOT project is alongside your property, you may be able to dedicate additional right-of-way to improve the quality of the project.

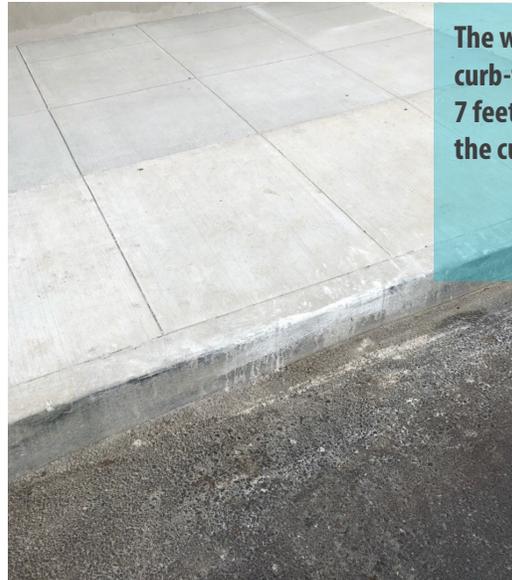
For the SE 136th Avenue project, PBOT is offering to build enhanced improvements where property owners opt to dedicate additional right-of-way. In addition to having an enhanced sidewalk area adjacent to your property, these improvements likely mean that you (or future property owners) won’t need to make these upgrades at your expense as a condition of future redevelopment or remodeling.

SIDEWALK WITH A **FURNISHING ZONE**



The width of a sidewalk with furnishing zone is 10.5 feet from the curb edge.

CURB-TIGHT SIDEWALK



The width of a curb-tight zone is 7 feet from the curb edge.

Visit the project website for more details: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/136th

Next steps

IF YOU CHOOSE TO DEDICATE RIGHT-OF-WAY

A staff person from PBOT will provide you with the easement document and will be available to notarize your signature and answer any questions you may have.

IF YOU CHOOSE **NOT** TO DEDICATE RIGHT-OF-WAY

That's OK! The City does have right-of-way adjacent to your property line to build much of the improvements. PBOT will design and build street improvements within the room it has and won't build anything on your property. The result will likely be a curb-tight sidewalk without plants or trees.

Eligibility

City-standard sidewalk installation as part of right-of-way dedication is only available to west side property owners within the SE 136th Avenue project boundary who do not already have a curb or sidewalk in front of their property. The City is offering this as a service to property owners and cannot guarantee future development rules may not trigger frontage upgrades. The City also cannot guarantee it will be able to design the City-standard sidewalk in every case due to stormwater needs and other design parameters.

Office Hours

PBOT staff will host office hours for residents interested in dedicating right of way. To have your questions answered and speak with us directly, come by between **1pm - 4pm on January 24, 2019 at the Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave).**

For more information

If you have questions or are interested in dedicating right-of-way, please contact:

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