The Columbia/Lombard Mobility Corridor Plan is a plan to address safety, mobility, and access for freight, active transportation, and public transit both along and across Columbia Boulevard and Lombard Street. These corridors run parallel on opposite sides of the Kenton Line railroad in North and Northeast Portland, and are identified in the City’s 2035 Transportation System Plan as priority transportation corridors. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) recognizes these streets are in need of improvement. Old infrastructure, gaps in the bike and pedestrian network, safety issues, lack of transit access, increasing traffic congestion, and limited crossing options are all problems. Everyone would benefit from improvements here, especially those that increase access, provide greater connectivity, improve predictability, reduce conflict, and keep people moving.

The Columbia/Lombard Mobility Corridor Plan will develop projects and strategies to make travel along these two major streets (and across them) safer and more accessible for all modes of transportation. The plan area stretches from Interstate Avenue to I-205 as well as a buffer area to the north and south. The plan will also analyze improvements for people walking and biking along N Lombard Street between N Interstate Avenue and N Woolsey Avenue. The planning process began in spring 2019 and will continue through summer 2020.

For more information about the project, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/columbia/lombard.
Project Scope

This plan will identify needs and develop/prioritize improvements. Project goals include:

• Analyzing mobility and access needs for all modes
• Identifying “last-mile” connections to jobs, a reliable network for pedestrians and people biking, and supporting future bus service on Columbia Boulevard
• Developing strategies to prevent serious injury and death, reduce conflicts, and improve safety, while maintaining reliable routes for public transit and freight
• Developing conceptual designs to better understand project feasibility, costs, and benefits
• Prioritizing project needs and identifying funding strategies to aide project delivery

Public Input

Spring 2019:
PBOT will gather input from the community about current conditions and needs using an online survey and area canvassing

Fall 2019:
PBOT will share projects that have been developed to address the needs identified

Spring 2020:
PBOT will gather feedback from the community to further develop the projects, weigh in on alternative designs, and identify priorities. This outreach will be done through an open house, online survey, and community meetings

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