

The 162nd Avenue Safe Access to Transit project aims to improve safety for all people walking, taking transit, biking and driving on SE 162nd Avenue between SE Alder St (just south of SE Stark St) and SE Powell Blvd. In 2018, TriMet added new bus service, Line 74, on SE 162nd Ave. This newsletter shares information about the project proposal and ways to share your design considerations. Project construction is planned for 2020.

Why are safety improvements needed on SE 162nd?



The average distance between marked crossings in the project area is about 2,900 feet. That's more than a 10-minute walk one-way.



162nd Ave. lacks features that make accessing transit stops safe and comfortable, such as places to cross the street for people of all ages and abilities, street lighting, and complete sidewalks.



We know that between 2007 and 2016 on SE 162nd Ave between Alder St and Powell Blvd, 11 people were injured while walking, 5 people were injured while biking, 8 people were seriously injured while in a vehicle, and 1 person died in a vehicle.



Safe speeds lower the risk of crashes, and when crashes occur, safe speeds make it less likely that people are killed or seriously injured. The speed limit is 35 mph on SE 162nd, but the design of the street can encourage people to drive much faster.

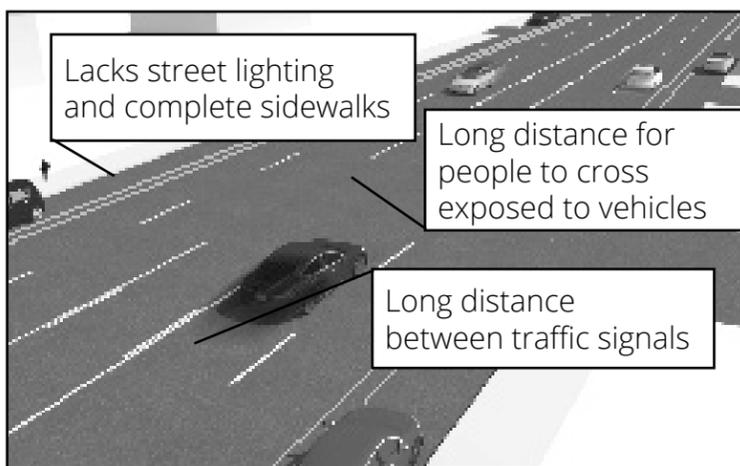
Goals for the Project

- Build safer crossings near transit stops
- Increase safety through street design and reduce speeding
- Improve existing bicycle lanes

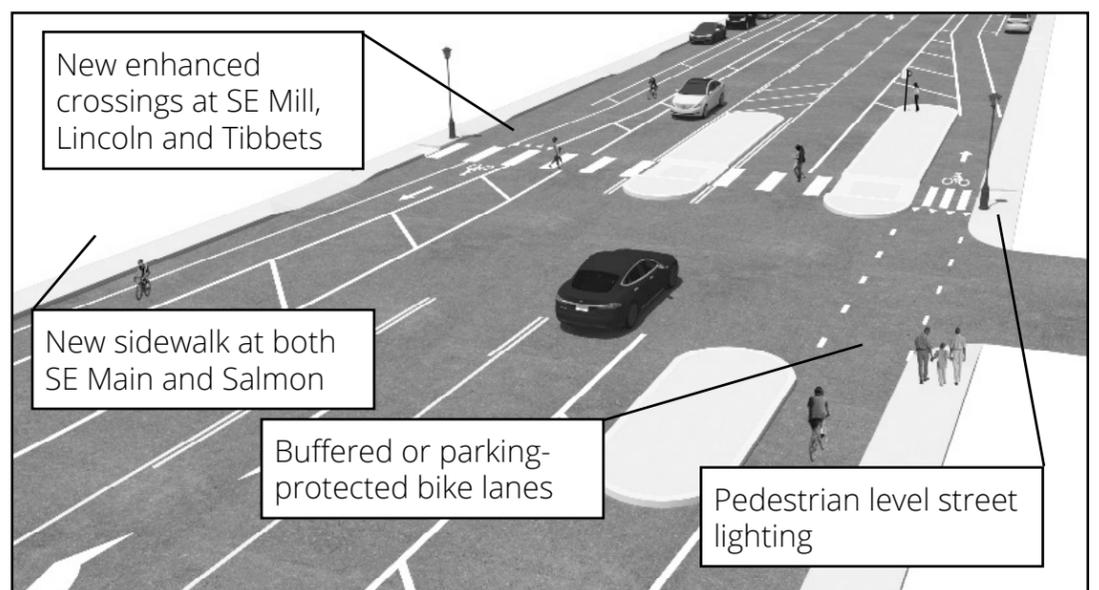
To accomplish these goals, the project is proposing to enhance three pedestrian crossings serving TriMet's new Line 74 bus stops and reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes to improve overall safety. The project also includes sidewalks, street lighting, and enhancements to the bikelanes.

Project funding comes from a partnership between TriMet and PBOT.

Current SE 162nd Street Design



Sample Street Design Option: SE Alder St to Powell Blvd



Right and left turn lanes would be maintained at SE Division and Powell Blvd.

Get involved!

Share your design considerations and learn more about this project!

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www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/162ndAccesstoTransit

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Other questions

Why reduce vehicle travel lanes?

Most drivers base their travel speed on what feels comfortable given the street design. The wider the road, the faster people tend to drive and, the faster the car, the more difficult it is to cross the street and the more severe the injuries resulting from a crash.

Additionally, creating a safe crossing on a 5-lane street requires beacons or traffic signals, which are expensive and can disrupt traffic flow. A 3-lane street allows for more safe crossing opportunities and more amenities like street lighting and sidewalks.

Will reducing travel lanes impact vehicle travel times? If so, how?

Yes, it is possible that vehicle travel times will be affected at times. Travel modeling predicts the impact to be limited only to peak travel times and generally not adding more than about a minute of time to what it takes to travel today. We believe this is a worthwhile tradeoff for a safer street.

I don't ride the bus. Why is it important to create safe opportunities for people to ride the bus?

Public transit provides personal mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life. It's especially important for people living on limited incomes or with physical disabilities. A number of City policies call for providing safe options for getting people to the places they need to go—including walking, taking transit, biking and driving.

Project Schedule

Fall-Winter 2018-2019	Development of project design criteria and initial proposal
Spring 2019	Community discussion and input on design considerations
Summer-Winter 2019-2020	Detailed project plans developed, more information shared with community about plan
Spring 2020	Final plans released for contractor bidding
Summer or Fall 2020	Construction and information sharing about what to expect during construction



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Coming in 2020: safety enhancements on SE 162nd

