

## **New left turn signals activated June 1 at SE Powell and 26th Avenue**

ODOT and the City of Portland activated new left turn signals Monday afternoon at Southeast Powell Boulevard at Southeast 26th Avenue.

ODOT installed the two signals Saturday and on June 1, engineers from ODOT and the Portland Bureau of Transportation made final adjustments. The City of Portland operates and maintains the signals, which are owned by ODOT.

The two new signals provide green left turn arrows for northbound and southbound traffic on Southeast 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Powell Boulevard. This improvement prohibits left turns when bicycles and pedestrians are crossing the intersection and provides a dedicated left turning phase for vehicles turning left onto Southeast Powell.

The intersection was the site of two crashes in May involving bicycles and motor vehicles, both involving serious injuries. The upgraded signals will improve safety by reducing motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle crashes.

The average daily motor vehicle traffic in the corridor is 34,600, counting cars and freight traffic. The corridor is also used by cyclists, mass transit and pedestrians.

ODOT, the City of Portland and TriMet are also in the process of designing a series of transportation safety improvements along Powell Boulevard between SE 20<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenues. ODOT has earmarked \$3.8 million for a project to be constructed in 2017. For more details, see below.

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