

U.S. 26 (SE Powell Boulevard) at SE 36th Avenue

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

New Signalized Pedestrian-Activated Crossing

Project Overview

We are improving safety for people walking, biking or rolling at the existing, striped crosswalk east of the intersection of U.S. 26 (SE Powell Boulevard) and SE 36th Avenue.

Starting in early 2025, we begin construction to upgrade the currently unsignalized crosswalk on SE Powell Boulevard at SE 36th Avenue with a new pedestrian activated beacon, also known as a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, or RRFB. The currently unsignalized crosswalk is located on SE Powell Boulevard along a busy, 30 mile-per-hour corridor at SE 36th Avenue. The nearest signalized intersection and pedestrian-activated crossing are located ¼ mile away. The corridor serves TriMet bus #9 and is one of the most utilized transit lines in the region.

Additional related work includes new lighting, high visibility striping on SE Powell Boulevard at the new crossing and upgrading two, existing sidewalk curb ramps on the north and south ends of the new RRFB to meet ADA requirements. When the project is complete, left turns will be permanently restricted for vehicles turning from southbound 36th Avenue onto SE Powell Boulevard. Restricting left turns onto SE Powell Boulevard increases safety by protecting people crossing the new crosswalk.

About Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

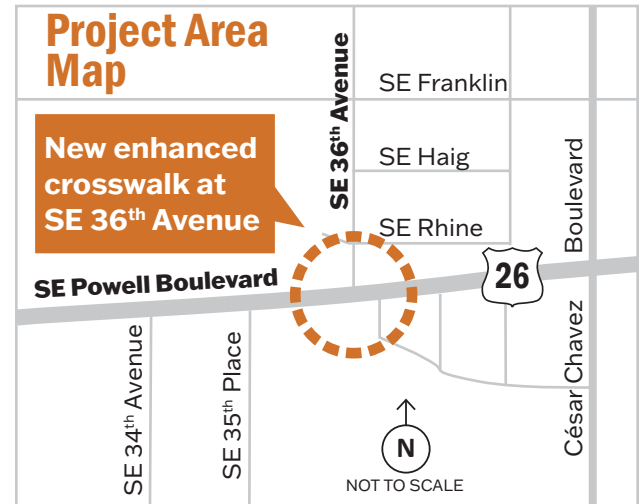
RRFBs use flashing yellow lights to alert drivers that someone is crossing the street. Pedestrians activate the flashing beacons with the press of a button. When not in use, the flashing beacons are dark. We install RRFBs at specific crossings with high pedestrian and vehicle traffic because they can reduce crashes by as much as 47 percent, according to the Federal Highway Administration. RRFBs are a critical part of our efforts to maintain a modern and safe transportation system.

Improved Safety on Powell Boulevard and 36th Avenue

- RRFBs reduce crashes between vehicles and pedestrians by creating more visibility at pedestrian crossings and increasing driver awareness of a person crossing the road.
- A new enhanced pedestrian crossing at the busy intersection of SE 36th Avenue makes it safer for people to cross SE Powell Boulevard and connect their neighborhoods to nearby destinations such as bus stops, schools, churches, restaurants, local businesses and local parks.
- Upgraded ADA accessible sidewalk curb ramps at the new RRFB crossing creates safer and more accessible highway connections for everyone.

Construction Schedule

Early 2025 - Summer 2025. *The project schedule is subject to change.*



Example of a completed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crossing, creating a safer and more visible pedestrian crossing along a busy corridor.

Construction Impacts

When work begins, travelers should expect daytime and nighttime single lane closures and temporary side street closures. There may be occasional multiple lane closures under flagger control at night. Work will also require temporary sidewalk and crosswalk closures. Sidewalk closures will have signed, temporary pedestrian alternate routes around the work zone. Bicyclists will see Bikes on Roadway signs and will continue to use city streets during construction. Expect temporary traffic delays in the area during construction.

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Nighttime Noise Impacts

To minimize traffic impacts during the day, some night work may be required. Those working or living in the area may hear the noise from heavy equipment, construction trucks, beeping noise when vehicles are in reverse (required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration), and equipment such as concrete saws, drills and jackhammers, air compressors and generators. For concerns about nighttime noise, contact the noise hotline at: 503-276-7815

Other Projects in the Area

In 2019, we completed a safety improvement project which included installing three new enhanced RRFBs on SE Powell Boulevard at SE 24th, 31st and 34th avenues. Additional ODOT and partner agency project investments continue along Powell Boulevard. Please visit tinyurl.com/SEPowellBlvdImprovements for more information about other projects occurring along the corridor.

Questions or Comments?

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PROJECT WEBSITE:

tinyurl.com/SEPowellandSE36thAve

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