

Open House Summary



Project: Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project – Design Phase 1

Location: Ron Russell Middle School (3955 SE 112th Avenue, Portland, OR)

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Overview

The Oregon Department of Transportation hosted the Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project open house on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at Ron Russell Middle School from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The open house was intended to inform the public about the status of the project and what to expect during upcoming construction. The event was drop-in style, allowing visitors the freedom to come and go as they pleased. Upon entering, guests were greeted at a sign-in table and encouraged to explore six stations at their own pace. Participants were encouraged to review the project display boards and maps to learn about the project and construction impacts. Project team members were available at each station to answer participant questions and explain project elements. Comment cards, comment boxes and pens were available around the room for submitting input. Refreshments were also provided for the public. Overall, thirteen people attended the event.

Project information stations included:

- **Construction Schedule, Staging and Impacts:** Display boards showing a general timeline of construction, how construction will be staged and what it will look like for travelers, and other impacts people may experience during construction including noise and transit impacts, among others.
- **Corridor Roll Plot:** A comprehensive aerial view of the project area and design components.
- **Project Improvements:** Display boards focusing on each of the following
 - Intersections and crosswalks (122nd, 130th and 136th)
 - Sidewalks and bike facilities
 - Typical cross section
 - Future phases of the Outer Powell project (full build-out)
 - Future jurisdictional transfer from ODOT to Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)
- **Driveway Access:** An aerial view of the corridor including lines indicating property lines, driveways, ODOT right-of-way, and temporary and permanent easements.
- **Project Information Table:** Project fact sheets (including translated copies in languages of Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian and Spanish), design plans for viewing, comment cards and a comment box.



- **PBOT East Portland Transportation Projects:** Display boards highlighting other East Portland projects the City of Portland is working on, including the 122nd Avenue Plan. PBOT staff were present and available to answer questions.

Publicity and Notifications

A mailer advertising the open house and providing information about the project was sent to 7,172 addresses within a half-mile radius of the project area. In addition, it was sent to all property owners in the project area and all addresses in the project stakeholder database. Altogether, mailers were sent to more than 7,500 stakeholders. In addition, an email about the open house was sent to all stakeholders in the project database – close to 300 email addresses. The project team also sent a targeted email to the Community Advisory Group and encouraged the group to share the invite with their affiliates. An announcement was posted to the front page of the project website (www.outerpowellsafety.org) and details were provided on the “Get Involved” page. ODOT also distributed a media release about the event to local news media. About a week prior to the event, members of the project team completed door-to-door business canvassing to let nearby businesses know about the open house and distribute information about upcoming construction.

Public Feedback

Only one written comment was received. However, other attendees provided verbal comments or questions. Through conversations with the project team, attendees had questions or concerns about the following issues:

- Construction impacts to businesses
- Right-of-way changes and driveway access
- Pedestrian safety
- Tree removal
- Noise walls