



# Safer Outer Stark Public Involvement Summary

FALL 2019



# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY OVERVIEW

## About the project

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is planning to make safety improvements along the three-mile section of SE Stark Street between SE 108th Avenue and SE 162nd Avenue. Input from the public about issues and priorities for Stark Street is an important part of the planning process. During the spring of 2019, the project team conducted an online survey and met with community members in person to gather information about traffic safety needs. Street lighting emerged as the top concern for community members. Street lighting infill will be constructed as part of the project along the north side of Stark Street.

The project team developed design options based on community input from spring 2019 and information gathered about crashes and current conditions along the corridor. In the fall and winter of 2019-2020, the project team shared the possible design concepts with the public to gather feedback and help prioritize crossing needs and other improvements.



## Project timeline



For more project information, visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/saferstark](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/saferstark)

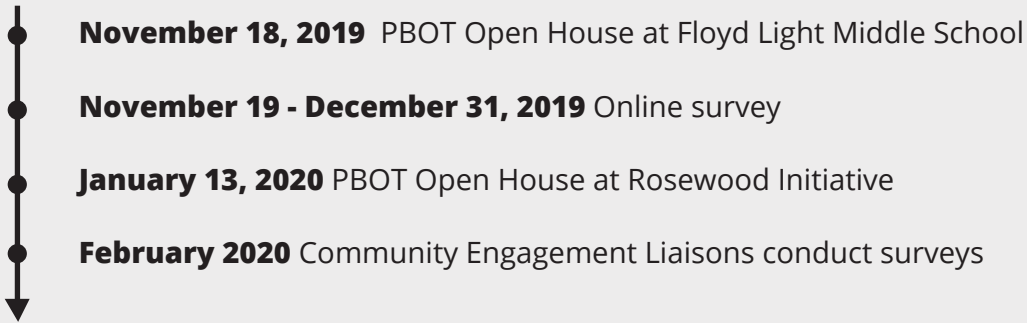
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## Fall and winter outreach activities



## How the public was notified

The following forms of notification were used to invite people to complete the survey and attend in-person open houses:

**Project email list** (498 subscribers)

### Social media, including:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Next Door

### Flyers at community centers and organizations, including:

- APANO
- East Portland Community Center
- Floyd Light Middle School
- MHCC Head Start
- Midland Library
- OPAL Environmental Justice
- Rosewood Initiative
- Sunshine Division

## How people engaged

**644** participated in online survey

**40+** attended in-person open houses

**19** languages spoken at home by participants, including Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Ifugao, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Muldovan, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukranian, Vietnamese

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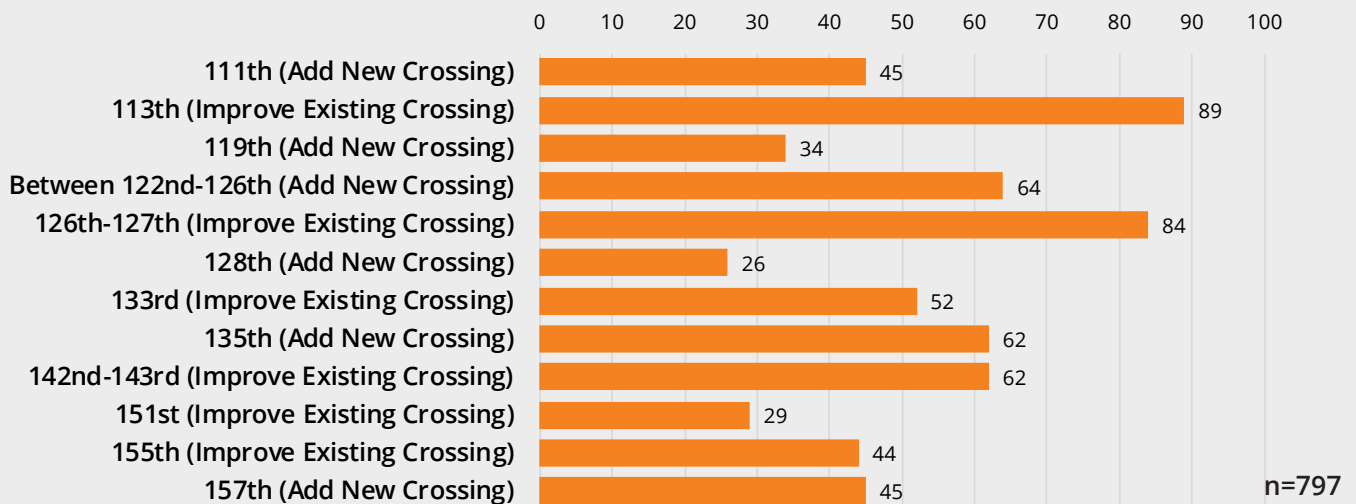
## Online Survey and Community Engagement Liaison Outreach

The online survey presented possible design concepts and asked community members to respond with their feedback. The survey included questions to help prioritize crossing needs and other improvements.

In the spring of 2019, Community Engagement Liaisons (CELs) supplemented the online survey by collecting surveys from community members who speak Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. In the winter of 2019, the CELs followed up with the same participants and collected surveys to gather feedback at this phase of the project. Twenty-nine community members participated in both phases.

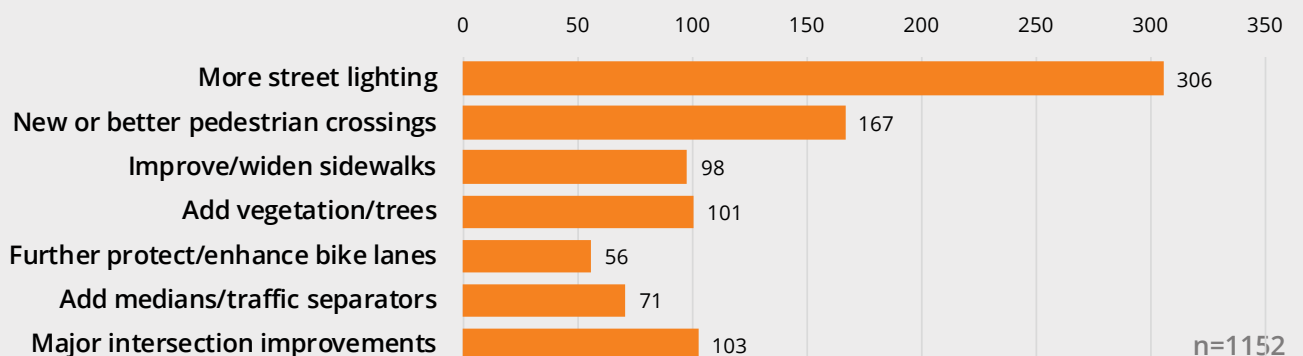
### CROSSING PRIORITIZATION

ARE THERE LOCATIONS YOU THINK SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR EITHER AN UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING CROSSING OR A NEW CROSSING? SELECT UP TO THREE:



### OTHER PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

WHAT ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD THIS PROJECT PRIORITIZE? SELECT UP TO THREE:





# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

## Open Houses

PBOT held an open house at Floyd Light Middle School on November 18 to share design concepts and receive feedback. Over 35 community members participated.

On January 13, PBOT held an additional open house at The Rosewood Initiative. Only a few community members attended the open house so the staff at The Rosewood Initiative collected further comments using the open house posters.



Open house participants posted sticker dots on their top three choices for priority crossing needs and other improvements. The results below include dots collected at the The Rosewood Initiative after the January 13 open house event.

### CROSSING PRIORITIZATION

#### TOP RESPONSES FROM OPEN HOUSES

- 157th (10 dots)
- 135th (9 dots)
- 142nd-143rd (7 dots)
- 151st (7 dots)
- 155th (7 dots)
- 128th (6 dots)

### OTHER PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

#### TOP RESPONSES FROM OPEN HOUSES

- More street lighting (45 dots)
- New or better pedestrian crossings (33 dots)
- Improve/widen sidewalks (25 dots)
- Add vegetation/trees (19 dots)

## Common concerns about the project

The project team reviewed all comments from the open houses and the online survey. The following list summarizes the most common concerns and recommendations from participants. Some of these concerns are directly addressed in the Safer Outer Stark Plan and the project will continue to address concerns through outreach and project communications.

- Increase police and speed camera enforcement and education for all road users
- Direct cyclists to parallel routes instead of adding bike lanes along Stark Street
- Explore different types of bike lane protection and consider maintenance and road user safety
- Use clear, easy to understand signs and road markings
- Leave parking as it is for businesses and apartment buildings
- Keep two lanes of vehicle travel in both directions
- Maintain loading areas and curbside parking for certain businesses