



Safer Outer Stark

Public Involvement Summary

SPRING 2019

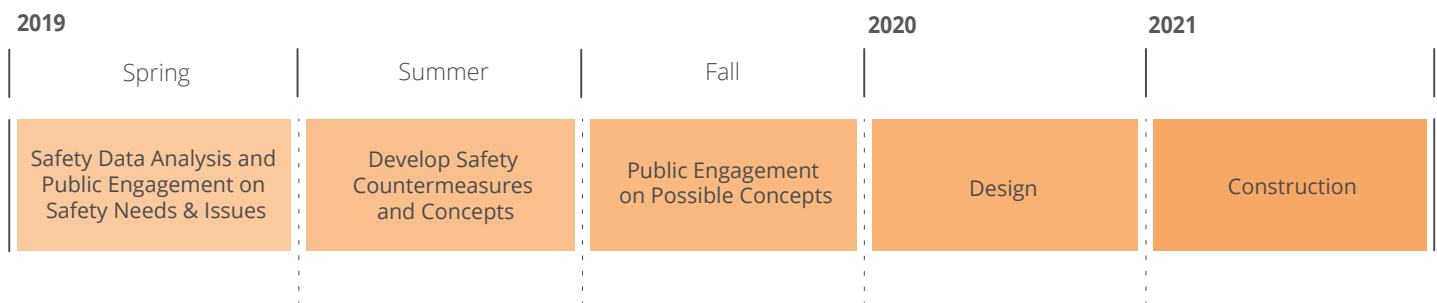


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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY OVERVIEW

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is planning to make improvements along the three-mile section of SE Stark Street between SE 108th Avenue and SE 162nd Avenue. Getting feedback from residents about issues and priorities is an important component of the planning process. Between April and June of 2019, the public was asked to share their feedback through a variety of opportunities. The following describes the activities that occurred, and what was learned. These findings, along with a safety and operations analyses, will be used to develop proposed improvements. These will be shared with the public for comment in the Fall of 2019.

Project timeline



KEY NEEDS IDENTIFIED SPRING 2019

- **Lighting**
- **Speeding and unsafe driver behavior**
- **Safety and access at left turns**
- **Education and enforcement for all road users**
- **Safety at pedestrian crossings**
- **Safe facilities for bicyclists**
- **Neighborhood safety, particularly at night and when waiting for transit**
- **Conflicts between drivers and pedestrians, particularly at driveways and intersections**
- **Potholes and maintenance of the roadway**

For more project information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/saferstark

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

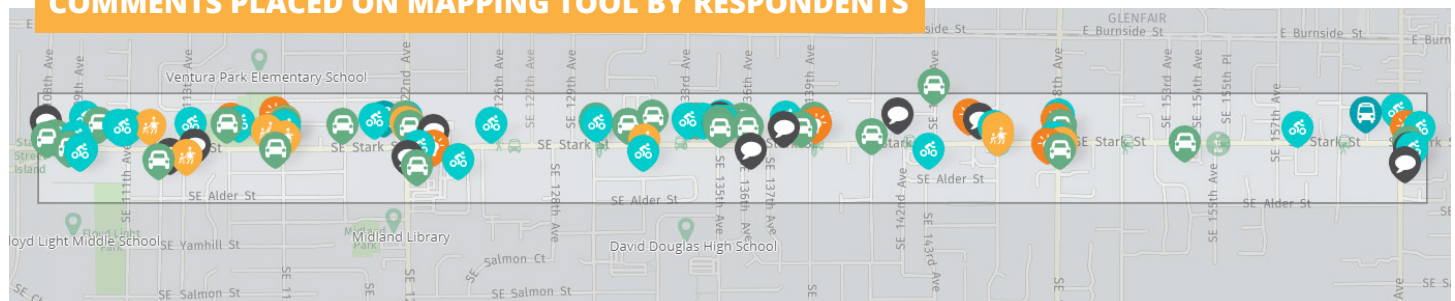
SPRING AND SUMMER 2019 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- **April 29** PBOT Open House at Rosewood Initiative
- **May 14** Door-to-door canvassing at residences and businesses
- **May 20** Youth Workshop at Midland Library Teen Council Meeting
- **June 13** Community Workshop at Rosewood Initiative
- **May - August** Tabling and presentations at community meetings and events
- **May 7 - June 30** Online survey with interactive mapping tool

Online Survey

An online survey was conducted in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Russian. The survey was advertised through email, the project website, social media, NextDoor, and poster advertisements placed along the corridor. The survey asked about respondents' travel patterns within the project area and provided an interactive mapping tool where they could leave comments about their experiences within the project area. The survey also collected information on demographics and respondents' perceptions of PBOT.

COMMENTS PLACED ON MAPPING TOOL BY RESPONDENTS



- Bus Improvement
- Driving Improvement
- Pedestrian and Cycling Improvement
- Lighting Improvement
- Crossing Improvement
- Other Idea/Suggestion
- Planned Improvements
- Bus Stops
- Crosswalks
- Traffic Signals
- Points of Interest

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The survey received 438 responses. PBOT also worked with community engagement liaisons (CELs) to gather additional survey responses in each of the four non-English languages. The following table summarizes the most common responses by location.

Cross Street	Common recommendations and comments by location
108th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected bike lanes at this location.Difficulty merging at the intersection of Stark and WashingtonAdditional lane markings and signage, as well as the trimming of hedges, was recommended to improve the merge.
117th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Left turns are difficult at this intersection. A left turn arrow was suggested.This intersection sees high foot traffic because of Ventura Park, nearby schools, and school bus pickups and drop-offs. Additional crosswalks were suggested.
122nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected bike lanes at this location.Improved lighting.High number of potholes at this intersection.More bus stops between 103rd and 122nd.
133rd/ 135th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected bike lanes at this location.Turning at 135th is difficult. An additional traffic signal was suggested.The location of crosswalks at 133rd and 135th make turning for cars and buses difficult.
148th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved signal timing to make turns safer.Better street lighting.
162nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected bike lanes at this location.Improved lighting.Location of bus stop causes cars to swerve around the bus and nearly hit other drivers.Crosswalks with more safety features such as flashing beacons.

PBOT Open House at Rosewood Initiative

On April 29, 2019 the project team tabled at PBOT's 162nd Avenue Safe Access to Transit Project Open House. At least 35 community members participated in the Open House. Staff shared project information and directed participants to the online survey to share safety needs and issues.

Events and Presentations

PBOT staff participated in the following community events and meetings to share about the project and hear from community members.

- OPAL Bus Riders Unite Meeting (May 2019)
- Juneteenth Celebration at Vance Park (June 2019)
- Rosewood Night Out (August 2019)

Door-to-door canvassing

In May the project team went door-to-door along the corridor (from SE 108th Avenue to SE 162nd Avenue) to share about the project and online survey and to hear about community concerns about Stark Street. The project team posted printed materials at businesses, residential offices, institutions, and handed to pedestrians, transit users, and others encountered in the project area. These materials were presented in multiple languages (Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, and English) and directed people to the online survey.

When possible, staff asked individuals: What would make you more comfortable getting around on Stark Street? Common themes in people's responses included:

- Improved lighting
- Lower vehicle speeds
- More crosswalks with flashing beacons
- Safety and access with left turns onto Stark Street
- Concerns about vehicles making turns onto and off of Stark Street at high speeds
- Concerns about pedestrian safety

Youth Workshop at Midland Library

In May PBOT staff shared about the project and facilitated a conversation with the Midland Library Teen Council. About 20 students were in attendance with a mix of middle and high school students. The students were interested the following improvements along Stark Street:

- Improved lighting
- Median islands to improve pedestrian crossings
- Public art
- Repair potholes
- More education for pedestrians and drivers
- Improved safety at transit stops, including emergency beacons and shorter wait times
- Improved safety for bicyclists

Community Workshop at Rosewood Initiative

In June community members who live, work and travel along Stark Street participated in a workshop at Rosewood Initiative and shared their concerns and ideas for the corridor. PBOT facilitated the workshop and 15 community members participated in English, Spanish and Nepali. **Improved street lighting was the top priority for the group.** Other priorities included:

- Improved neighborhood safety
- Lower vehicle speeds and safer driver behavior
- Additional speed cameras and increased enforcement
- Safer crossings for pedestrians
- Improved bicycle facilities
- More efficient use of roadway
- Education for all road users