

Community Development



McGillivray Boulevard Safety + Mobility Project

The Project evaluated changes to improve safety and mobility for all who travel on SE McGillivray Boulevard between SE Chkalov Drive and SE 164th Avenue. The design will repurpose a travel lane in each direction to provide separated and protected mobility lanes and enhancements for added safety. This will occur with planned pavement work.

Project Goals:

- Lower vehicle speeds
- Improve safety and comfort
- Improve intersections and crossings

Phase 1: Analyze the Corridor

Evaluated how the corridor currently operates and is used by all users.

Phase 2: Develop Design Options

Developed project goals and created and evaluated design options.

Phase 3: Design Improvements

Identify a preferred design option and prepare design plans.

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McGillivray Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project Key Points

Community Engagement

- Three physical mailers in the project area were mailed to over 8,000 households on USPS mail carrier routes (for the open house, community conversations, and design options survey).
- Two digital surveys
 - #1 asked about safety issues on the corridor, with over 1,300 completed responses and 700 open ended comments.
 - #2 asked which design option best met the project goals, with over 680 completed responses and 300 open ended comments.
- One in-person open house with over 100 attendees in winter 2023 at Wy'east Middle School.
- Seven in-person small group community conversations with over 50 attendees in summer 2023 on the corridor, online and at City Hall.
- Staff attendance at community meetings (neighborhood associations, such as Riveridge, Cascade Highlands, and Bella Vista, tabling at events, and Council's Community Forums).
- One walk and one bike audit in Oct 2022.

Support

 Most community members want vehicles to slow down and prefer more space and enhanced separation between pedestrians, mobility lane users and vehicle travel lanes.

Concern

 Many community members are opposed to removing a travel lane due to concerns about congestion. The traffic analysis indicates that removing a travel lane will not result in significant delay for vehicles, both in the short and long term.

Constraints

 Given the characteristics of the roadway, maintaining two travel lanes in each direction does not meet the projects safety goals and the City's Complete Streets Policy.

Opportunity

- Most community members do support automated enforcement, which the City is pursuing but anticipates it will take several years to implement.
- Studies show that efforts to improve safety are most successful when roadway design changes are paired with community education and enforcement.