

# City Council approves Corbett Avenue traffic calming

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The Portland City Council last month unanimously approved a \$150,000 package of traffic calming improvements for Southwest Corbett Avenue between Grover and Hamilton streets last month. The city had previously installed similar improvements on the street to the south.

Project manager Elizabeth Mahon said that although the street is officially classified as a local service street, it is in fact a through route that attracts 4,500 car trips a day, many of them traveling at high speeds.

"We hope that this will return this to a local street where people can walk about safely," South Portland Neighborhood Association chair Ken Love told the City Council.

South Portland's Lee Buehler said that many people in the neighborhood would be tempted to walk or bike to downtown, leaving their cars behind, if they thought it was safe. Of the process to develop the specific proposal he said, "Everyone

who wanted to have a say had a say." South Portland board member and Corbett resident Chris Dorn agreed, "The city worked very well with us. This is a very eclectic neighborhood, but there was unanimous support for this." He noted, "This is the neighborhood under the tram."

Commissioner Erik Sten picked up

on this, noting that the project was partial mitigation for the impacts of the Oregon Health and Sciences University's aerial tram. "It's hard to mitigate for a tram," Sten said.

"If you didn't like it before, you still won't like it. But it's good to do things like this, and we're not done yet." Sten mentioned a proposed pe-

destrian bridge from Lair Hill to the South Waterfront.

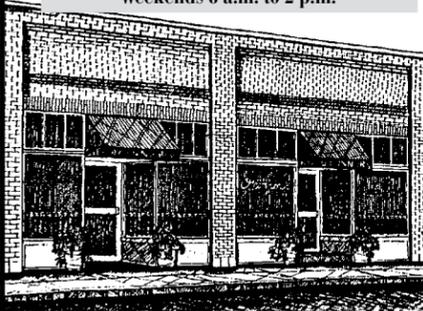
Mayor Tom Potter thanked Jennifer Daneluk, South Portland board member and Ross Island Grocery owner, for "providing a community center through your restaurant."

Mahon said the project should be completed by July.



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