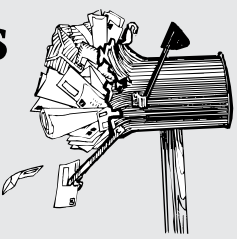


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City has limited funds for street improvements near Capitol Highway project

Regarding your questions about construction coordination, here is our response:

If a local street project near the Southwest Capitol Highway project, funded by Local Improvement District, Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge, or other funds, was designed and ready for construction at the same time as the Capitol project, it may be possible to combine the work into a single construction contract for bidding.

This conceivably would create the opportunity to take advantage of economies of scale – but there are no guarantees. Additionally, a larger project potentially could attract more competitive bids.

At this point the only local street work that PBOT is considering near the Capitol project is either “wrap around” improvements within a few

dozen feet of Capitol Highway to tie the project into existing features, or limited street improvements paired with downstream storm water facilities that would serve runoff from Capitol Highway.

The scope of these improvements is currently under development as part of our 30 percent design for Capitol Highway, anticipated to be complete this fall.

Beyond this, there are no specific funds available for neighboring streets off of Capitol, other than what is available for similar streets in the rest of the city, namely LIDs and LTIC.

Regarding community members being able to advocate for prioritization of projects, we do have a planning effort underway called Southwest in Motion, which will take stock of identified projects in Southwest Portland and work with the community to establish criteria and prioritize projects for near-term implementation.

Southwest residents are encouraged to sign up for updates on the project at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/72017>.

*John Brady
Communications Director
Portland Bureau of Transportation*

Legislature appropriates \$2 million for Capitol Highway project

We are thrilled to share that in the final days of the 2017 legislative session, the Oregon Legislature appropriated \$2,050,587 to the Southwest Capitol Highway project!

This funding, contained within House Bill 5006 Section 83, will supplement local funding in support



of constructing safety improvements including sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle facilities, and storm water systems between Multnomah Village and West Portland Crossroads. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to advocate for this project with our small delegation of legislators, each of whom can claim a portion of Capitol Highway within their districts.

We owe a big thank you to Sen. Richard Devlin, Sen. Ginny Burdick, Rep. Ann Lininger, Rep. Margaret Doherty, and Rep. Jennifer Williamson for securing this funding. Please thank them for their support.

We also couldn't have done it without the support of a dozen partners, listed below. A big thank you goes out to these groups for their advocacy in support of this state funding request:

- Tryon Creek Watershed Council
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Oregon Walks
- Friends of Spring Garden Park
- Friends of Woods Park
- Portland Commission on Disability

And finally, thank you to Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick for incorporating the project into the Fixing Our Streets program, which provided the initial seed monies to help leverage additional sources of funding.

Please stay tuned for additional updates as the project design moves forward. You can visit the project website at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71661> to view the latest information and sign up for PBOT updates. Email chrislyons7@yahoo.com to be added to the MNA Subcommittee that is serving as a citizen advisory committee on the project.

*Chris Lyons, Chair
Southwest Capitol Highway Subcommittee
Multnomah Neighborhood Association*

*Marianne Fitzgerald, Volunteer
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.*

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- Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.
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