

Portland Observer Auto Review

2006 BMW Z4 Roadster 3.0i

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The redesigned Z4 is great. The new 3.0-liter engine is smooth and refined. There is plenty of power & torque for anyone. Traction control keeps the car from losing the back end, without pulling to much power away.

2006 BMW Z4 convertible, the M Roadster is a two-passenger performance car for enthusiasts who not only like driving with the top down, but also enjoy doing so quickly while in complete control.

The M Roadster is the shining star of the Z4 family. Under the hood is a 3.2-liter, inline six-cylinder engine pushing a healthy 330



Vehicle Specifications:
3.0L I6, 24 valve, 215 hp @ 6250 rpm engine; 6 speed manual transmission; 20 mpg city / 30 mpg hwy gas mileage; priced at \$39,800.00 MSRP.

horsepower, propelling this drop-top to 60 mph in less than five seconds and hitting an electronically governed 155 mph.

The M Roadster plays host to a good deal of technology that works to keep all 330 horses in check. A floating compound performance brake system, like that included in the M3's Competition Package,

provides excellent stopping power. Playing supporting roles are other systems designed to bring things to a quick and safe halt, like Brake Drying, Brake Standby, and Brake Fade Compensation, while Start-Off Assistant holds the M Roadster still when the brakes are released on an incline. More noticeable are the slight changes on the

2006 Z4's exterior. The headlights, which now house xenon bulbs, are part of a revised front fascia that features different fog lights, and the tail includes two-stage adaptive brake lights.

With good fuel economy, great handling, abundant power & torque; this car really is the Ultimate driving machine!

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Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Redevelopment of the Iris Court Public Housing Cluster

September 19, 6:15 PM
County Commissioner Board Room, Multnomah Building,
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd
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In October 2005, the Housing Authority of Portland received a HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to redevelop the Iris Court public housing cluster, located at and around the intersection of North Vancouver Avenue and North Sumner Street in Portland's Humboldt Neighborhood. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$37 million. The project site area is approximately four acres. The Housing Authority of Portland has invited public participation in the planning process through a series of Community Advisory Committee meetings and public design workshops.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated the City of Portland as the Responsible Entity. William White, the Director of the City's Bureau of Housing and Community Development, has been identified as the Certifying Officer. Pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Housing & Community Development has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment that analyzes several proposed alternatives. The Draft Environmental Assessment identifies a Preferred Site Alternative for the future development, to be known as Humboldt Gardens, that requires the demolition of all existing buildings and site improvements, construction of 130 new low-income and affordable rental housing units and associated site improvements, the acquisition of an adjacent parking lot for inclusion in the redevelopment, and the redevelopment of a second nearby parking lot. Both parking lots are owned by the State of Oregon.

The Draft Environmental Assessment is available on the Housing Authority of Portland's website at www.hapdx.org/humboldtgardens. Hard copy may be viewed at the following locations: Housing Authority of Portland, 135 SW Ash Street, 5th floor, Portland OR 97204; City of Portland's Bureau of Housing & Community Development, 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland OR 97204; North Portland Branch Library, 512 N Killingworth Street, Portland OR 97217; or the Iris Court Property Management Office, 301 N Sumner Street #5, Portland OR 97217. Hard copies may also be purchased for \$8 each by calling 503-802-8525.

On September 19, the Housing Authority of Portland's Board of Commissioners will host a public meeting at which they will receive public comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment. The meeting agenda will be available in advance on the Housing Authority's website at www.hapdx.org/about/boardmeetings.html. Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the project may do so at the public meeting or may submit written comments to Stella Martinez, City of Portland Bureau of Housing & Community Development, 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204. All comments received by September 22, 2006 will be considered by the Bureau of Housing & Community Development prior to the completion of the Final Environmental Assessment.

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