

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvement project, through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland may exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to Section 9-108 of the City Charter and in accordance with Eminent Domain procedures provided for in ORS Chapter 35 (Eminent Domain; Public Acquisition of Property), including those procedures that apply to notification, valuation, negotiation, relocation and early possession if necessary, when the exercise of such power is deemed necessary by the City Council to accomplish public purposes for which the City has responsibility.

The City of Portland has the responsibility of providing safe transportation routes for commerce, convenience and to adequately serve the traveling public.

The Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvements project (the "Project") will design and construct various operational and roadside improvements, including new curb ramps, marked crossed walks, signal upgrades and connectivity improvements. The proposed reconfiguration will simplify the intersection at the end of the NW Couch Street/Burnside Street off-ramp, which will result in more efficient operations through reduced congestion, queuing, and idling time for both local and freeway traffic. It will extend a critical link in the bike and pedestrian network of the central city, contributing to a more seamless multimodal transportation system.

To accomplish the Project set forth above, it is necessary to acquire the following property interests described and depicted in Exhibits 1 through 6, attached to this Ordinance and, by this reference incorporated herein.

All affected property owners have been contacted and informed as to the City's need for certain private property rights related to completion of the Project. All affected property owners have been invited, by mailing, to attend the reading of this agenda item.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Property values associated with the property acquisitions have not yet been quantified since negotiations are not completed; however, an estimate for the right of way phase has been budgeted in the Transportation Operating Fund. The level of confidence for the estimate is moderate. Funds are available in the Transportation Operating Fund Budget, FY 2017-2018 Budget, SAP #T00457.L46

This legislation does not affect staffing levels nor result in a new or modified financial obligation or benefit now or in the future.

If City Council does not approve the ordinance, construction of the Project will not be feasible as planned, due to lack of property rights needed to make the improvements.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The project will positively impact the traffic movement and increase the safety of pedestrian crossing. The incorporated public involvement process will communicate with the key stakeholders within the area and it will reach out businesses and neighboring communities.

The Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvement project is implementing a component of the 2012 Pearl District Access Circulation.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount