

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for NW Naito/ Flanders Crossing Project to update the completion date (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002457)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

In 2003, the Portland Bureau of Transportation worked with the Portland Police Bureau to address crime issues associated with an elevated pedestrian crossing over NW Naito Parkway on the Steel Bridge. After review of the options through a public involvement process, it was determined that the crossing should be closed, though a new at-grade alternative should be pursued as a replacement.

In 2008, the Bureau of Transportation applied to the Oregon Department of Transportation's Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Grant Program for funding to design and construct a pedestrian improvement to increase crossing safety for NW Naito Parkway between NW Flanders St and Glisan St. The grant was awarded in 2009 in the amount of \$389,000 with a \$21,000 match.

PBOT began design work on the project in 2010, but later learned that the Oregon Dept of Transportation's Rail Division would no longer allow the pedestrian crossing improvement proposed within 200 ft of the Naito Parkway railroad crossing. Subsequent discussions with both Oregon Dept of Transportation's Rail Division and the Union Pacific Railroad have indicated that entirely different design approach may be feasible. The grant completion date was amended twice, in 2011 and 2013 to address the additional time needed to continue and resolve the associated design issues. While an acceptable design was eventually identified, the estimated cost exceeded the amount of funding the project had available.

In 2017 the NW Flanders Bridge and Greenway projects received both federal grant funds and SDC funds sufficient to design and build the elements of the NW Flanders Greenway to the west of the NW Naito Pedestrian Crossing Project, with sufficient remaining funds to cover the cost estimate shortfall for the NW Naito Pedestrian Crossing Project. The crossing project is part of the overall NW Flanders Greenway Project because it provides a key connection to Greenway Trail and Steel Bridge crossing of the Willamette River.

At this point in time, PBOT is still in final discussions with Oregon Dept of Transportation's Rail Division and the Union Pacific Railroad regarding a feasible design that can be built with currently available funds. Confidence is high both that such a design can be achieved and that we now have the funding resources necessary to

complete the project. As such, we need to again extend the ODOT Bike/Pedestrian grant.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:** The project is in PBOT current budget for capital improvement projects. Because design engineering for the project has not yet been completed, the cost estimate level of confidence is low.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Community outreach regarding the new crossing was performed back in 2008 when the replacement crossing was initially discussed, primarily with the Old Town/ Chinatown Neighborhood Association. Public outreach from this point forward will be coordinated through both the NW Flanders Bridge Project and Flanders Greenway Project.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

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