

July 24, 2019  
Portland City Council  
Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioners; Nick Fish, Amanda Fritz, Chloe Eudaly, Jo Ann Hardesty

### Outer Halsey Safety Project

My name is Ron Glanville and I serve as Chair of Russell Neighborhood Assn., on the Board of East Portland Neighbors (past President and Recording Secretary) Vice Chair of PDX CAC (Port of Portland, Airport Community Advisory Committee) Member of EPAP, have served as chair of East Portland Neighborhood News (formerly published by EPN) and various committees including EPIM (East Portland In Motion).

I am here today to advocate for the Outer Halsey Safety Project which is an ongoing project of PBOT, that has almost a 10-year history from the time of EPIM placing it on the prime second tier of East Portland projects. The project focus is for sidewalk infills on Halsey from NE 125<sup>th</sup> to 161<sup>st</sup> Ave. This project has been renamed, changed, redesigned, morphed, delayed, several times. It is a paramount safety project for outer East Portland affecting thousands of people in the Wilkes, Russell, and Hazelwood Neighborhoods.

Currently there are about 50 to 60 blocks of this section of Halsey without sidewalks, there are curbs and driveways but in-between is gravel, dirt, weed and shrubs making any pedestrian travel unsafe in most areas. Residents walk or transport themselves on the street pavement along Halsey, where vehicle traffic zooms by at 35 to 45 miles per hour. There have been the improvements of one flashing beacon cross walk, but for long stretches there are no safe ways to cross Halsey safely. The goal has always been to provide sidewalks in this area so that pedestrians can walk safely.

PBOT has been working on this project for many years, but it continues to be stalled. Rich Newlands had been the PBOT employee who had been working on this project for many years and reassured our community that we would see sidewalks in place after much review by East Portland community members. Dan Layden of PBOT has informed me that Rich Newlands has retired; when his replacement is hired it will move forward. Mr. Layden told me that the project was 60% design complete and that work would commence in 2020.

Our community has heard this sort of assurance many times from PBOT only to hear that there was an emergency priority, redesign, funding issue or that there was a delay, etc. Mr. Layden has also informed me that the project will include more flashing beacon crosswalks and ADA corner curb ramps. The project will not include sidewalks on most or all of the South side of Halsey because of current conflicts with Metro who is responsible for sidewalks around Glendoveer.

My goal here today is to urge the completion of this project, and to assure the community that after 50 years without sidewalks a major Portland Boulevard is now safe for its citizens to walk on. Please give it some priority and funding for completion. My understanding is that most of the funding is dedicated for this project. I have seen it on many committee lists as scheduled to be done. Please advocate for this project.

## Moore-Love, Karla

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**From:** Ron Glanville <ronglanville@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Request time at City Council

I would like to request time to speak before the city council to talk about PBOT Outer Halsey Safety Project and maintenance of stop signs at NE 132nd and San Rafael obscured by overgrowth.

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Ron Glanville  
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True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.

~ Martin Luther King Jr

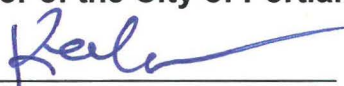
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Request of Ron Glanville to address Council regarding Outer Halsey Safety Project and maintenance of stop signs at NE 132<sup>nd</sup> and San Rafael (Communication)

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