Columbia/Lombard Wayfinding Project

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Columbia/Lombard Overview



Lombard St near
Rivergate continues as
Columbia Blvd if vehicles
drive straight rather than
turning onto Burgard Rd





Lombard St changes briefly (for less than 1 mile) to Burgard Rd and then back again near NW Container Services and Terminal 4





Even Google is confused!





Residential street running parallel to Columbia Blvd is also called Columbia Blvd





"View" of quiet residential street called Columbia Blvd from busy arterial street also called Columbia Blvd



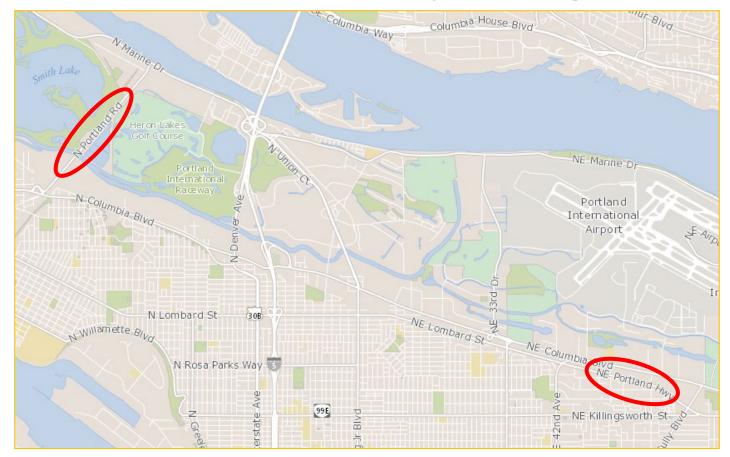
"View" of busy arterial street called Columbia Blvd from quiet residential street also called Columbia Blvd



Lombard Place does not follow City-adopted naming convention (Place is used for north-south streets, Court is used for east-west streets)

Lombard St continues as Portland Hwy when it crosses under 42^{nd} Ave due to historical city border before annexation in the 1980s





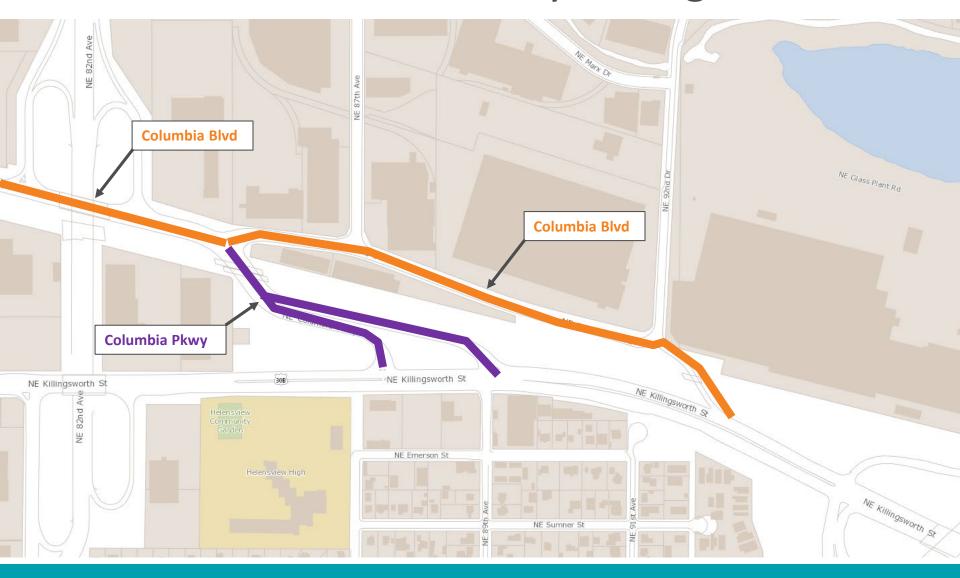
Portland Hwy name is similar to Portland Rd, both major freight routes in the Columbia Corridor

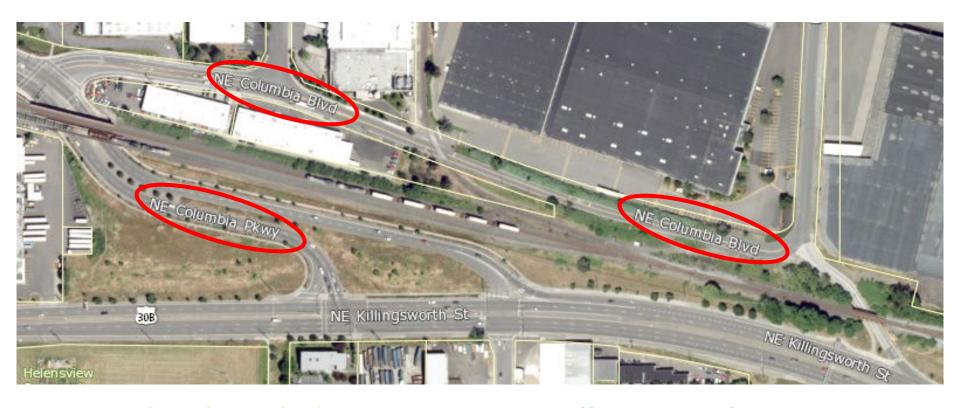


Portland Hwy continues as Killingsworth St to the east of Living Cully Plaza if vehicles continue straight, while staying on Killingsworth St westbound requires left turn

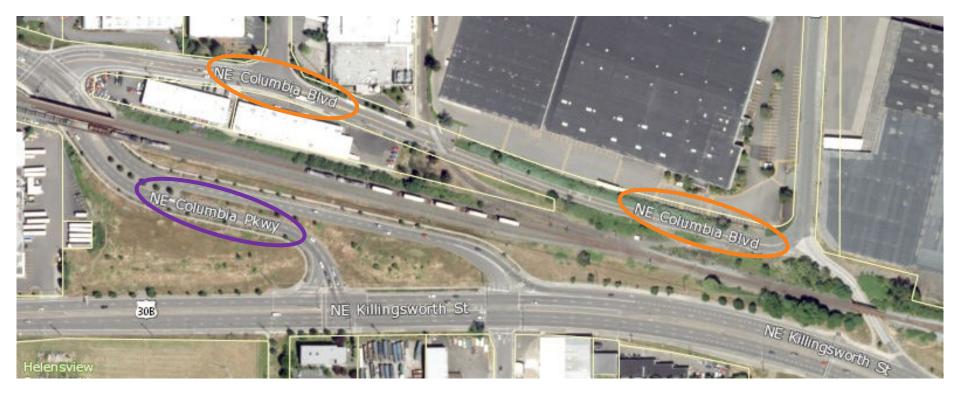


Arterial section of Killingsworth St to the east of Living Cully Plaza is very different in scale and character than Collector section of Killingsworth St to the west





Columbia Blvd connection to Killingsworth St was realigned with East End Connector Project, with a new railroad undercrossing and two new signals



The historic alignment, now a minor access street, kept Columbia Blvd name, while the major arterial roadway connection was named Columbia Pkwy



Confusing wayfinding signage directs drivers to Columbia Pkwy with signage indicating Columbia Blvd



Project was meant to give freight traffic a gradeseparated arterial roadway on Columbia Parkway...

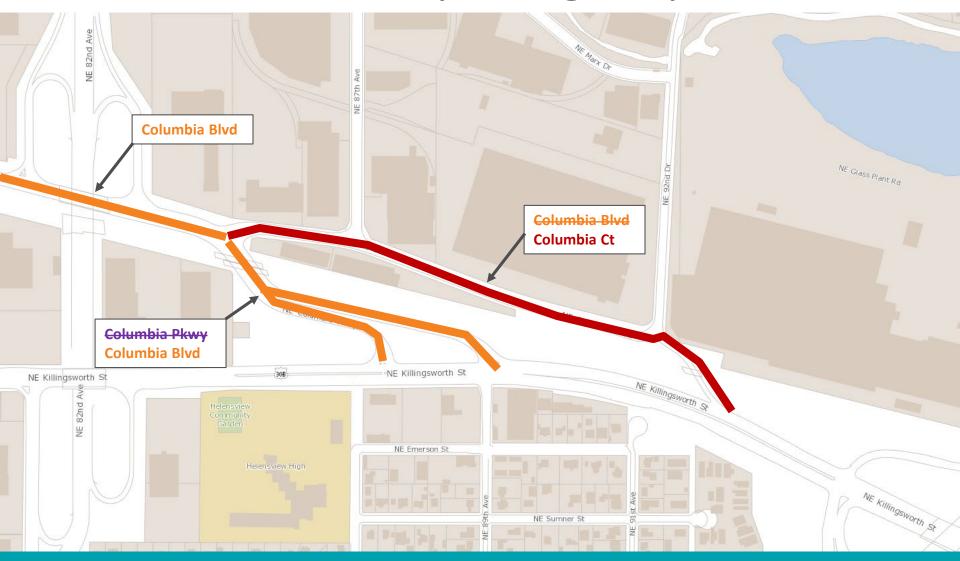


...but confusion can lead trucks to an at-grade railroad crossing on minor street segment of Columbia Blvd

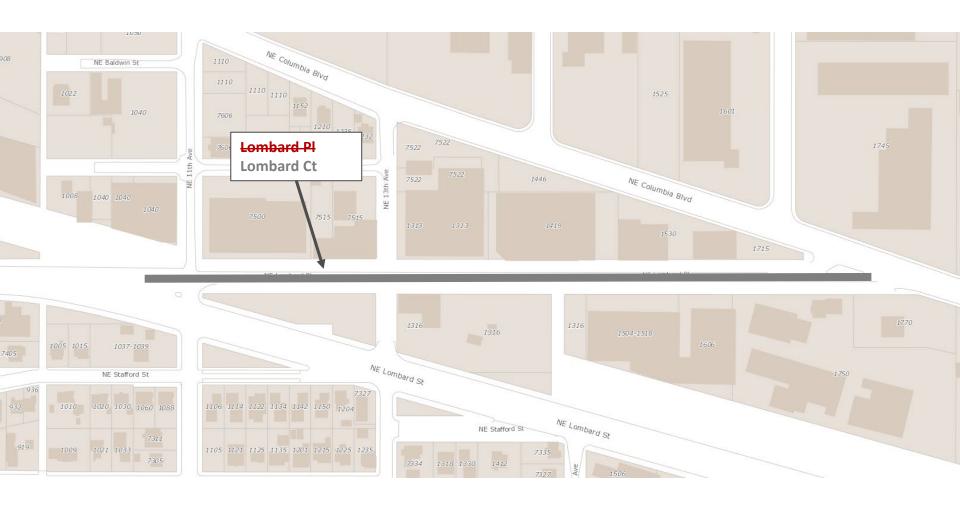
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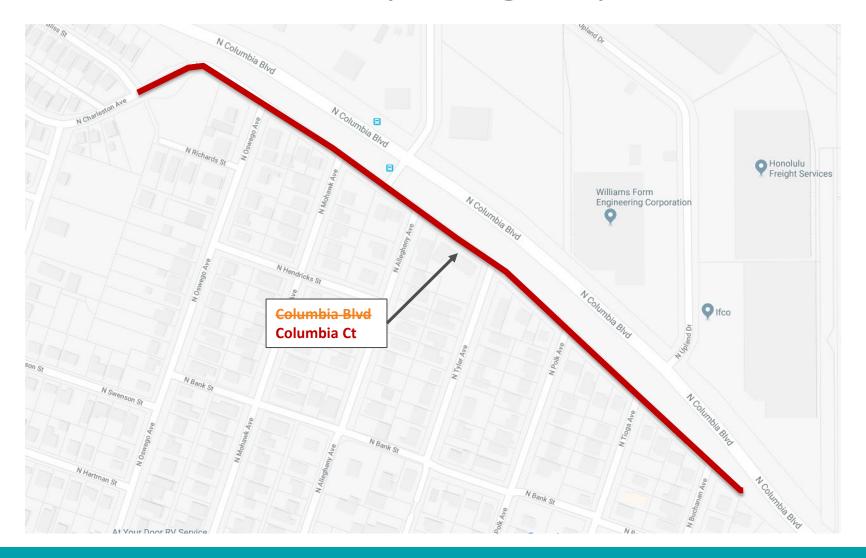
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Benefits of Proposed Changes

- Reduces potential for 9-1-1 callers to report incorrect locations
- Less driver confusion leads to improved traffic circulation
- Improved freight delivery travel time and reliability
- Less potential for mail and parcels to be delivered incorrectly
- More straightforward wayfinding signage system for all modes
- Simplifies driving directions for TriMet bus drivers accessing new bus base on Columbia Blvd
- Creates a more clear sense of place and differentiates local or collector streets from arterial streets
- Street name changes only occur when making a turn, rather than switching names while continuing along a roadway