

SE 52nd and Woodstock Traffic Signal Replacement

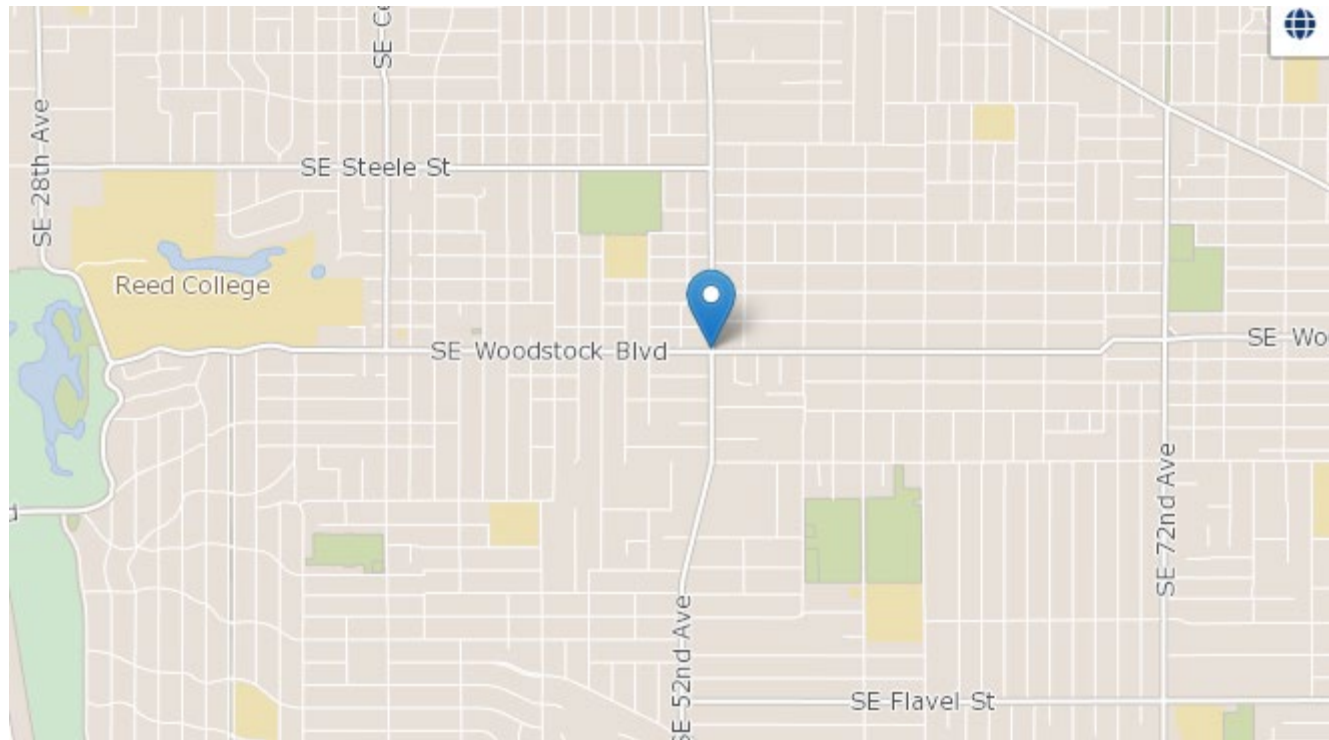
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Project Location: SE 52nd & Woodstock



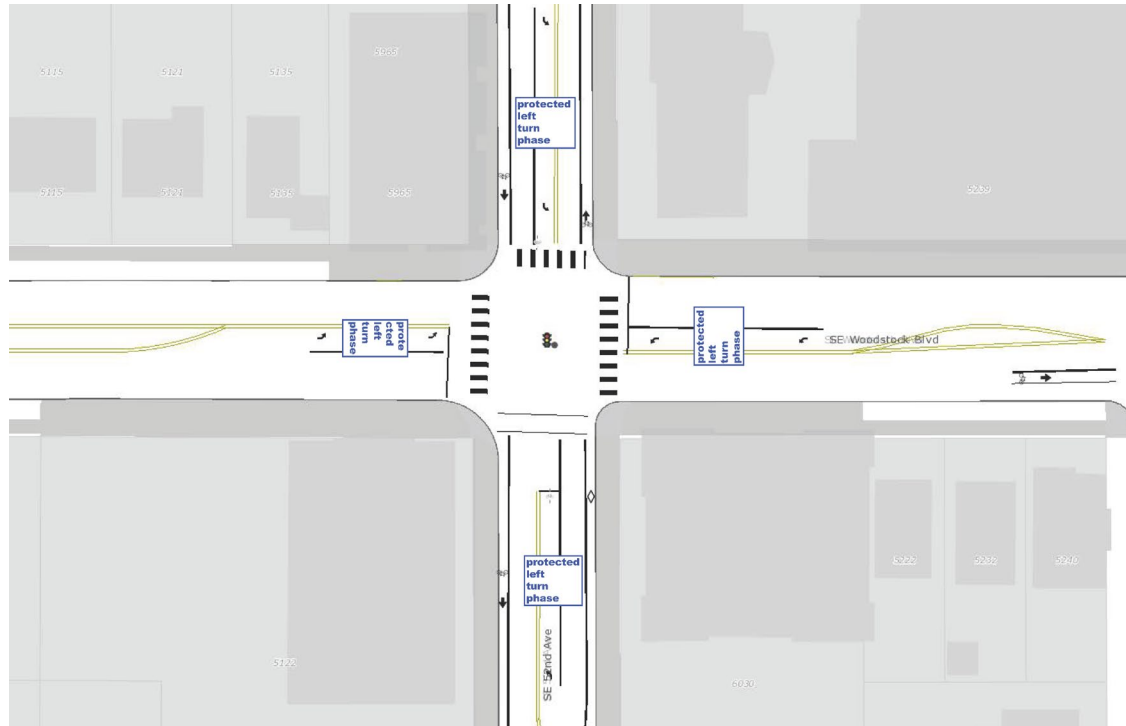
Project Background

- Community driven effort in the Woodstock neighborhood
- Vetted through PBOT Signals and Streetlighting; signal is a good candidate for replacement (older signal, expensive to maintain)
- Reduces future maintenance burden
- Improves safety for all road users by adding protected left turning movements and separates pedestrian crossing phase

Project Scope

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- Construct new modern traffic signal
- Add protected left turns
- Bring all corners up to current ADA standards
- Repave intersection (deteriorating pavement)
- Add high visibility crosswalk markings



Public Involvement Overview

190410

Cc: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability <safe@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Dangerous Intersection

Mr. Saltzman and PBOT staff:

Please help initiate an improvement to safety at a dangerous intersection at SE Woodstock Blvd.

Left-turns at 52 x Woodstock are made without adequate signal. Left-turn red-lights while vehicles with green-lights are proceeding through the intersection.

This intersection is unlikely to provide ADA-compliant safety for sight-impaired.

It is also dangerous for children walking or riding bicycles or playing near the School.

Traffic there includes Tri-Met bus line #19 which has to make a wide right turn and an extremely hazardous left-turn on its return trip. (Line #19 drivers could describe the SE 52nd & Woodstock intersection problems.)

The surrounding area is an increasingly dense mix of commercial and residential development in progress now for more. There are delivery trucks and cars. We all try to obey the traffic signals, the intersection is dangerous.

The left-turn situation at 52nd & Woodstock is untenable.

Please consider installation of an attractive elevated left-turn signal at SE Woodstock.

Thank you.

I have seen few accidents at the corner due to no left-turn signal. Something needs to be done.

Thank you.

To: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability <safe@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: 52nd avenue and Woodstock intersection is dangerous.

I used the Portland website to complain about this intersection once before but nothing has changed so I'll use this email to address it again.

The intersection of s.e.52nd and Woodstock is nearly impossible to take a left turn at most times of day. The left turn I'm taking about is without a signal and going from Woodstock onto 52nd. The other direction has a signal for allowing traffic to turn.

People have to turn on the red light because that is the only way it's possible.

This is a dangerous intersection and needs to be fixed before someone gets hit by a someone running the red light.

Thanks for your help.

To: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability <safe@portlandoregon.gov>; Saltzman, Dan <Dan.Saltzman@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Left Turn light at SE Woodstock and 52nd

As you are recently aware, the local Woodstock (and neighboring communities) feel passionately that there is a NEED for a left turn signal on Woodstock onto 52nd (traveling both east and west).

From someone that has personally experienced this intersection, this request from the neighborhood comes from a safety concern, not just a convenience complain. Due to the new businesses in Woodstock, increased population (infill housing), there is a lot of traffic at this intersection and it will only get worse. Often times, the only way to turn left is to run the yellow/red at the end of a cycle or to cut through the neighborhoods to avoid this turn all together. It is dangerous.

It is my understanding that there will be a 12 to 24 month wait to address this intersection. I would urge Portland to move this intersection higher priority to prevent future accidents/deaths.

Thank you.

To: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability <safe@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: LEFT TURN SIGNALS NEEDED

Hello

SE Woodstock to SE 52nd Ave needs LEFT TURN signals towards 52nd Ave. Current situation is dangerous. I live on 57th south of Duke and I have seen many accidents. I am worried about those people who watch cars, wear blinkers and people from death after blocking a speeder.

Also, the LEFT TURN signals will prevent accidents.

It would also PREVENT future accidents. I have seen few accidents at the corner due to no left-turn signal. Something needs to be done.

Thank you.

Right of Way

- Authority is given to compensate property owners for needed easements and if needed, to condemn.
- Permanent ROW and a temporary construction easement are needed from one property owner.
- Permanent ROW is needed for construction of the traffic signal and certain ADA sidewalk facilities.
- A temporary easement is needed for construction support.
- Affected property owners have been informed of the project needs.