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SE BOISE ST
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**DESIGN NOTICE –
SE Gladstone & 42nd Avenue Bicycle
and Pedestrian Intersection
Improvement Project**

Why am I receiving this notice?

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is beginning work on SE Gladstone and Center Streets to design and construct intersection improvements for cyclists and pedestrians as a part of the SE Gladstone-Center Bicycle Boulevard project.

This project consists of improvements from SE 42nd Avenue and Gladstone to SE Center Street and SE 80th Avenue as a route for cyclists avoiding major arterials. The focus of the project is to keep traffic volumes and speeds low on these quieter residential streets, discourage cut-through traffic and provide crossing improvements at higher traffic streets crossing the route.

The project team conducted two initial meetings during the summer of 2009 and has begun design work on the improvements. The team has also presented an update to the Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association. This further notice is to allow more neighborhood input on the proposal.

One of the projects being designed improves the intersection of SE Gladstone and SE 42nd Avenue. Currently, between SE Gladstone Street between SE 42nd Avenue and SE 52nd Avenue carries around 1,100 cars per day with the 85th percentile speed above the residential speed limit of 25 mph. Because this section of SE Gladstone Street already has speed bumps installed, to limit cut through traffic our traffic safety engineers have proposed a stormwater feature that will restrict turns off of SE 42nd Avenue onto SE Gladstone Street. Outbound traffic from SE Gladstone Street to SE 42nd Avenue will not be impacted.

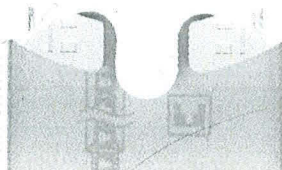
The stormwater features will be built within the City's Right of Way – and no additional Right of Way is required – to help the City meet its federally mandated stormwater management targets. These facilities will owned and maintained by the Bureau of Environmental Services.

What is the schedule for road construction?

The project is currently being designed by City engineers. This additional notice is to obtain any further input or feedback from neighbors on the street as well as expanding the notification to neighboring streets. Though our traffic engineers do not foresee additional traffic on neighboring streets, we are also proposing additional stop signs at some of the uncontrolled intersections on SE Boise Street as a precaution. Construction will only be scheduled once the design of the features is completed.

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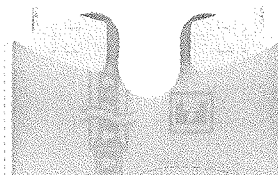
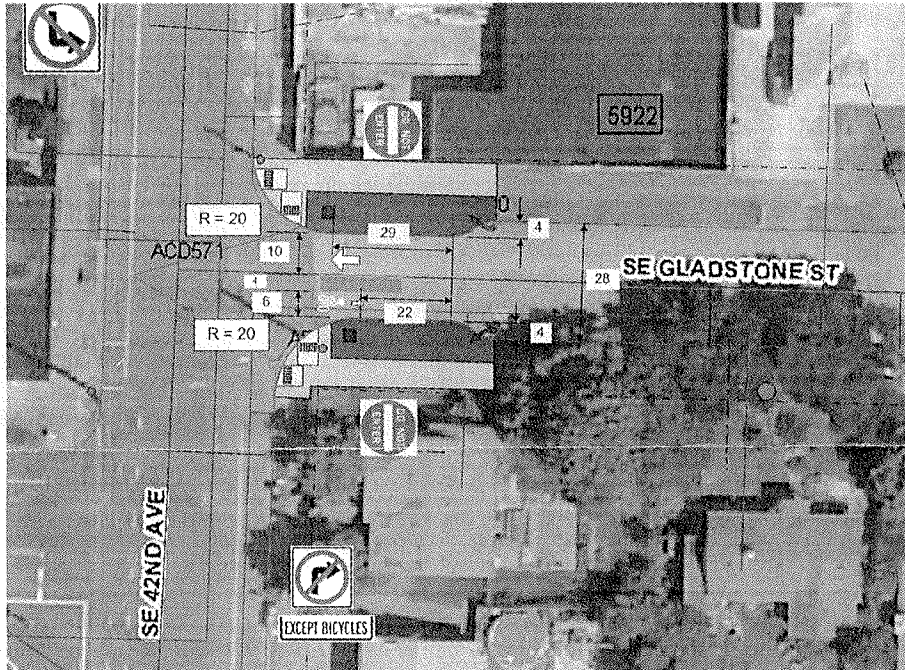
A second stormwater feature is also being designed to help pedestrians and cyclists crossing SE Foster Road at SE Center Street and SE 56th Avenue. Raised crosswalks are also planned for SE 62nd Avenue and SE 67th Avenue as well as a short segment of bicycle lanes on SE 52nd Avenue to address the offset intersection of SE Gladstone Street, SE Center Street and SE 52nd Avenue.

An additional notice will be sent once design has been completed.

Who can I speak to about the design?

For questions about the project please contact the project manager assigned to the project, Kyle Chisek at (503) 823-7041.

For ADA Title II or Civil Rights Title VI accommodations, translation/interpretation services, complaints, or additional information, call 503-823-7041, or City TDD 503-823-6868.



Gladstone Diversion Project and Bike Boulevard

- The Bureau of Transportation did not inform nor seek input from neighbors in the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood, the location of the Gladstone Diversion Project and Bike Boulevard, before making final decisions and authorizations
- The Bureau only mailed out their design notice after they made final decisions and authorizations
- A number of neighbors state that they never received the design notice
- The Bureau has refused residents' requests in the past for stop signs for years, telling them that there are not enough accidents
- The Bureau not only denies that traffic will increase on streets adjacent to the bike boulevard, but is installing the very stop signs that they told neighbors were unnecessary
- Traffic has increased on other streets since speed bumps were installed on Gladstone 8 years ago, so blocking Gladstone will increase traffic even more
- The Bureau doesn't know how much traffic on Gladstone is cut-through and how much is local
- There is a lot of north-south bicycle traffic, but hardly any east-west traffic, which is the direction of the proposed bike boulevard
- The Bureau will not consider any other alternatives to decrease and slow traffic on Gladstone and other residential streets

Bicycle Traffic Count

A bicycle traffic count was made on five weekdays from Wednesday, February 24th to Tuesday, March 2nd, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the corner of SE 42nd and Gladstone Streets.

The total traffic for the five days is as follows:

37 bicycles traveled north on 42nd, 9 traveled north and turned west on to Gladstone toward downtown, and 24 traveled east on Gladstone from downtown and turned north on to 42nd, for a total of 70 bicycles traveling north on 42nd.

91 bicycles traveled south on 42nd, 10 traveled south and turned west on to Gladstone toward downtown, and 55 traveled east on Gladstone from downtown and turned south on to 42nd for a total of 156 bicycles traveling south on 42nd.

1 bicycle traveled north on 42nd and turned east on to Gladstone, 5 bicycles traveled south on 42 and turned east on to Gladstone, and 14 bicycles traveled east on Gladstone from downtown and continued on Gladstone for a total of only 20 bicycles that traveled on Gladstone Street in the area proposed for the Gladstone Street Bike Boulevard.

North - 70 South - 156 East - 20

Matasar, Emily

From: Burt Ruvensky [bruvensky@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 1:44 PM
To: Matasar, Emily
Subject: City Council agenda April 28, 2010

Hi,

I would like to speak before the City Council about the Gladstone Street Traffic Diversion and Bicycle Boulevard Project, and the Bureau of Transportation's interactions with the neighborhood.

Burt Ruvensky
5105 SE Boise St.
503-771-1622

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Request of Burt Ruvensky to address Council regarding the Gladstone Street
Traffic Division^{er} and Bicycle Boulevard Project (Communication)

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