

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and NE Columbia Blvd Intersection project, through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland may exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to Section 9-108 of the City Charter and in accordance with Eminent Domain procedures provided for in ORS Chapter 35 (Eminent Domain; Public Acquisition of Property), including those procedures that apply to notification, valuation, negotiation, relocation and early possession if necessary, when the exercise of such power is deemed necessary by the City Council to accomplish public purposes for which the City has responsibility.

The City of Portland has the responsibility of providing safe transportation routes for commerce, convenience and to adequately serve the traveling public.

The project known as NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and NE Columbia Blvd Intersection project has been planned in accordance with appropriate engineering standards for the construction, maintenance or improvement of said transportation infrastructure such that property damage is minimized, transportation promoted, and travel safeguarded.

The NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and NE Columbia Blvd Intersection project will improve turning movements for large trucks by constructing a dedicated westbound to northbound right turn lane from Columbia Blvd to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The project will also construct a 7' sidewalk adjacent to the proposed right turn lane along the transition from NE Columbia Blvd to NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The project will also construct ADA ramps at certain street corners as well as construct new mast arm signal poles at the intersection of NE Columbia Blvd to NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

To accomplish the project set forth above, it is necessary to acquire the following property interests described and depicted in Exhibits 1 through 14, attached to this Ordinance and, by this reference incorporated herein.

It is necessary to acquire possession of the property rights by March 1st, 2016, so that construction can begin on schedule.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Property values associated with the property acquisitions have not yet been quantified since negotiations are not completed; however, an estimate for the right of way phase has been budgeted in the Transportation Operating Fund. The level of confidence for the estimate is moderate.

This legislation does not affect staffing levels nor result in a new or modified financial obligation or benefit now or in the future.

If City Council does not approve the ordinance, construction of the NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and NE Columbia Blvd Intersection project will not be feasible due to lack of property rights needed to make the improvements.

The Bureau's level of confidence in the cost estimates for this project is moderate. Funds are available in the Transportation Operating Fund, FY 2015-2016 Budget, SAP #T00024.L46

Community impacts and community involvement:

This intersection is the confluence of two key freight corridors with high volumes of heavy truck traffic that provide direct access to the surrounding industrial areas and the Interstate Highway System (I-5). Adjacent property owners and the traveling public will be temporarily impacted during construction. However, access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction.

At the 30% phase of the project the project manager will be sending out postcard mailings detailing the project scope and timelines. Open houses will be scheduled as well as meetings with adjacent business owners and the Central Northeast Neighbors Association.

Development and execution of the public involvement plan will be implemented by Winston Sandino, Project Manager.

Future public involvement will involve staff continuing to coordinate with the community and adjacent businesses and property owners to communicate design and schedule updates, as well as to communicate construction impacts. Additional formal public comment opportunities will be provided during the remaining design phase of the project, which is currently near 30% design.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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