

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Modify conditions under which the City Traffic Engineer may issue revocable permits for use of dedicated street areas for an Intersection Repair Project. (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

PBOT will ask Council to approve modifications to “Revocable Permit to Use Dedicated Street Areas,” which would allow the City Traffic Engineer (PBOT) to issue revocable permits for mid-block street paintings (example of intersection painting, not mid-block, attached for reference). The continued success of this type of community building project has demonstrated the need for expanding eligible locations to include mid-block sites on similarly classified, low-traffic local service streets. PBOT is asking Council to pass the Ordinance as an emergency, as this work is seasonal in nature and could push work out to spring 2016.

### **HISTORY:**

In 1998, Council passed an Ordinance which authorized PBOT to review and issue revocable permits for neighborhood projects similar in scope to “Intersection Repair Projects.” In 2001, Council passed another Ordinance which clarified which intersections are eligible to be painted. In addition, the 2001 ordinance clarified the public involvement process required for a revocable permit to be issued for these neighborhood projects.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES:**

Currently, PBOT may grant revocable permits for intersection paintings but do not have language regarding mid-block street paintings. The proposed changes will require the permit applicant to provide a petition of support for the proposed mid-block modification and a diagram depicting proposed changes. The support petition must have signatures from each of the adjacent residents and at least 80% of the residents on the project street frontage within two standard city blocks of the proposed project. If the block is more than 400 feet long, the petition area will include the entire block. The City Traffic Engineer will have the authority to modify the petition boundaries when considered appropriate. Mid-block Repair Projects can connect to Intersection Repair Projects if both the intersection and mid-block location meet the requirements of this ordinance.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:** This effort already included in budget appropriation.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Portland leads the nation in creative placemaking. Intersection Repair Projects, or giant street paintings at residential intersections have empowered neighbors to create their own place, to express what is important about their neighborhood, and to build strong community relationships. Midblock Repair Projects will continue this tradition.

Any neighborhood can participate. While these projects do not affect traffic, they build relationships and transform neighborhoods through citizen involvement. The petition process requires a high degree of neighbor-to-neighbor interaction and consensus building.

These street painting projects have included important equity and crime reduction components. One painting was designed by children from a nearby low-income housing development. They designed the graphic, carried the petition, and led the installation. These 10 to 12 year olds grew more self-assured and accomplished, knowing that they can make a powerful difference where they live.

Other projects have worked with ONI Crime Prevention to build relationships between at-risk youth and to build social networks where neighbors support each other in reporting crime. Intersection Repair Projects have been highlighted nationally as a case study for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Midblock Repair Projects will be one more tool in that effort.

There is not significant opposition to this program.

City Repair, the Multnomah County Youth Violence Prevention Office, and neighbors who have or will participate in this program will testify.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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