### Using what we've got: Building Community in the Street



### **BEFORE:** Harbor Drive Freeway **CARS BEFORE PEOPLE**



### AFTER: TOM MCCALL WATERFRONT PARK CITIES ARE FOR PEOPLE!





### What we have: It's Big and Expensive!

#### **Portland**:

- 4,000 miles of road
- About 1/4 of land mass = ROW
- 22,000 intersections
- \$8 Billion in transportation assets
  - \$250,000 per residential block
  - \$250,000 per traffic signal
    \$60,000,000 per mile of freeway (ODOT)
- 26,000,000 miles traveled each day
- 100s of millions of human interactions



## **Reclaiming Space with Paint**





Photo: courtesy Mark Lakeman

### Intersection Repair Projects



"Once you start painting, it's not just the art. It's equally or more so about bringing out the neighbors and getting to know people. I just met someone I've lived near for 20 years." – Brad Clark, N Holman & Wilbur

## Community Goals

- Build relationships
- Empower people to create public places
- Encourage expression

- Improve quality of life
- Reduce crime



#### **Empowerment Through Community**



### **Crime Prevention (CPTED)**



# Intersection Repair on Neighborhood Greenways



- 11 of 41 on the system
- Creating community & identity



## **COMMUNITY BUILDING:** in a literal sense







OVERLOOK FENG SHUL INTERSECTION REPAIR

## Why Mid-Block Repair?

- Long blocks.
- Near commercial settings.
- Sometimes, it's where neighbors want to paint.



### **The Basics**

Where can they happen?

- Intersection Repair Projects & Midblock Repair Projects
  - Local service street (residential)
  - No transit bus
  - At intersection: less than 2,500 motor vehicles per day
  - Midblock: less than 2,000 motor vehicles per day
- Approval of City Traffic Engineer (designee)
- Petition: 100% adjacent, plus 2 blocks along the street



## Small Community Kiosks

- Small, creative structures that engage community
- Admin rules provide guidance for safe, well-placed objects
- Residential locations
- Property owner consent
- Non-commercial uses
- No electronic communications



#### **A Chalk Revolution**



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### What Will Neighbors Do?





