



Your Dime at Work

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Portland City Council
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TO: Mayor Ted Wheeler
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The Fixing Our Streets program is delivering on maintenance and safety projects across the city. Although Fixing our Streets funding is only a down payment on the needs we have for basic safety and maintenance, the program is a huge step forward on the path to the safe and well-maintained transportation system our community deserves.

The Oversight Committee provides advice and support to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) as it implements the Fixing Our Streets program through:

1. Monitoring how construction impacts neighborhoods and businesses;
2. Monitoring the use of Disadvantaged, Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, Emerging Small Business (DMWESB) contractors and sub-contractors;
3. Advising on changes to the approved project list;
4. Advising how PBOT spends additional resources; and
5. Reporting annually to city council on the above.

Launching a new and ambitious capital program was challenging for PBOT. We set an aggressive timeline and promised a long list of previously identified projects. The Oversight Committee and PBOT had to hit the ground running, weighing in on projects at its first meeting.



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Having overcome these initial hurdles, we are pleased to report on what Fixing Our Streets has accomplished thus far in these monitoring categories:

- **Construction Impacts:** Fixing Our Streets has been proactive in engaging our neighbors and local businesses. PBOT conducted over 40 open houses citywide. In some cases, we went door-to-door to get feedback from those who may have barriers to engagement. Members of the Oversight Committee have individually engaged with business owners who felt they received timely and helpful information. When issues or changes came up PBOT has been consistently responsive and took immediate steps to lessen the impact of construction in neighborhoods.
- **Use of DMWESB:** PBOT staff has made amazing partnerships throughout the DMWESB sector. As a result, we far exceeded our target of 30 percent use of DMWESB. On all projects completed since the beginning of Fixing Our Streets, and for which we have data, our use of DMWESB was at 68 percent.
- **Changes to the List of Projects:** The Oversight Committee isn't considering any changes to the list of projects at this time. We are satisfied by the progress PBOT has made on the list we promised voters in 2016, and we support PBOT's ongoing work moving forward.
- **Additional Resources:** While gas tax revenue has exceeded forecasts month after month, a strong economy and busy contractors have also increased the cost of several projects. At our committee's direction, PBOT staff provided updated project estimates and timelines to ensure we would still deliver on all of the projects promised to voters and which City Council approved. In many instances, PBOT staff was able to leverage funding from other sources. With the goal of delivering the best possible projects, and exceeding what we promised the voters, the Oversight Committee is not recommending any new projects at this time. PBOT will continue to meet our approved maintenance-to-safety project ratio of 56-44 percent.

Based on these outcomes, the Oversight Committee feels the Fixing Our Streets program has been a great success. We would encourage council to find ways to continue the good work Fixing Our Streets has begun in neighborhoods throughout the city. Through expansion or evolution of programs like this, PBOT can tackle the transportation needs of our growing city, making our neighborhoods safe places for everyone to live, work and play.

In support,

Fixing Our Streets Reporting Subcommittee

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