

SE 80th Avenue & Mill Street Local Improvement District Final Assessment Hearing and 5-Year Residential Deferral

February 2, 2022 - Agenda Items #65 and #66

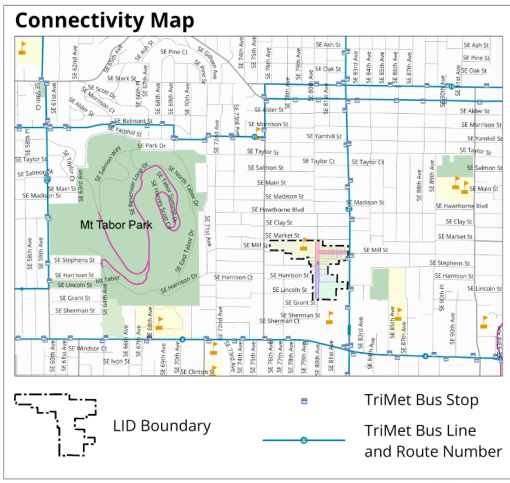
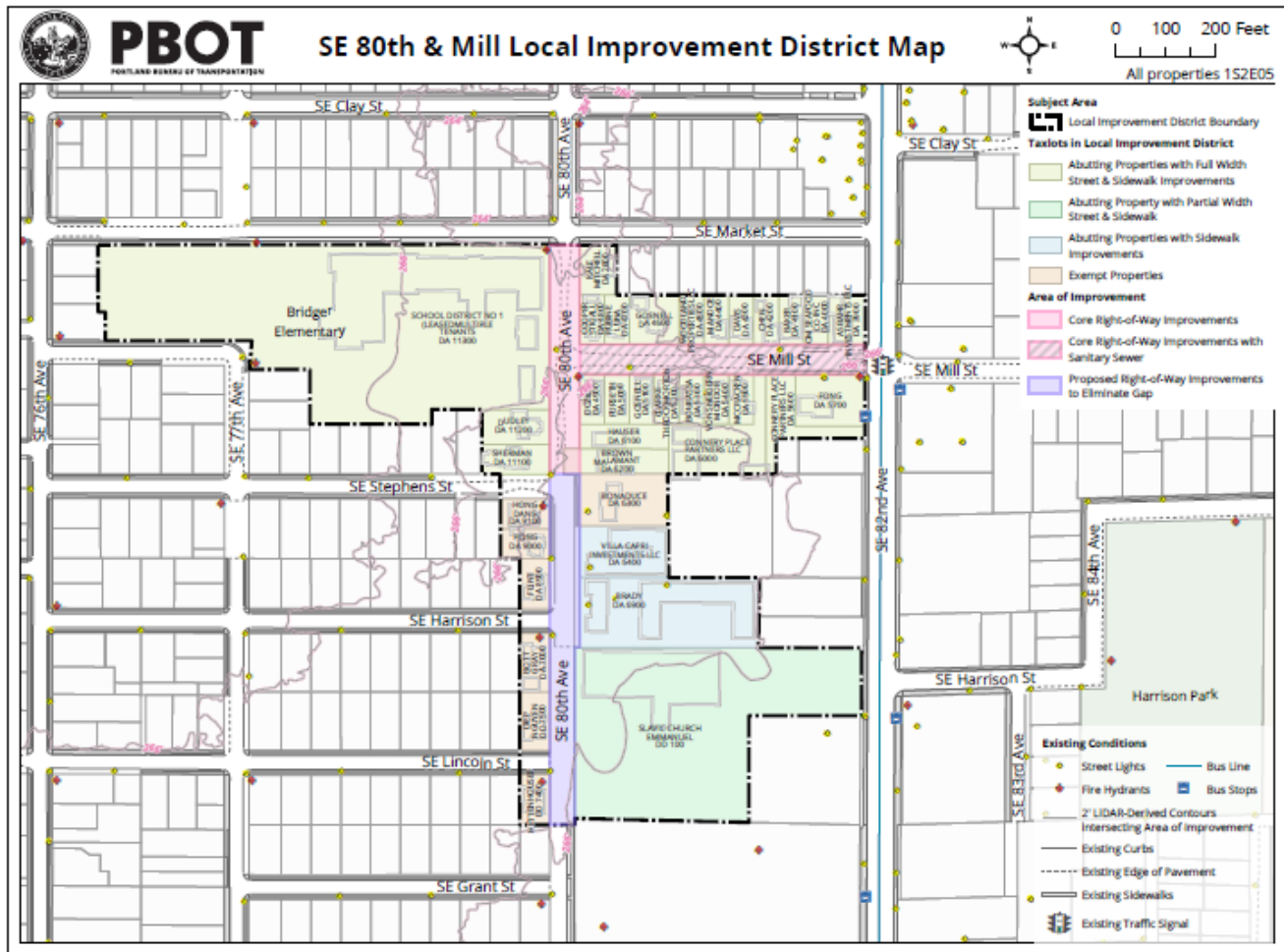
WE KEEP PORTLAND MOVING.



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Staff presenting: Andrew Aebi, Local Improvement District Administrator

Project Map



Plot Date: 12/06/2017

SE Mill Street Pedestrians West of 82nd

Bridger student matriculating in 2020 and father

BOTTOM LINE: People desperately need a place to WALK. We are trapped inside our property due to the standing water and no sidewalks, which forces us to climb through neighbor's bushes with our son to get out. And when the time comes for our son to go to school, we will unfortunately have to drive him the 1 block, because we cannot leave our house by foot. This does not promote the carbon footprint reduction that the City wants to see, and we surely don't believe that Bridger Elementary wants another idling motor vehicle congesting their already restricted access points.

Financially, we also feel trapped in the sense that we cannot afford to move anywhere else in Portland due to how unattainable real estate has become. This is our home for the long-term, and we are willing to do whatever it takes to improve our community.

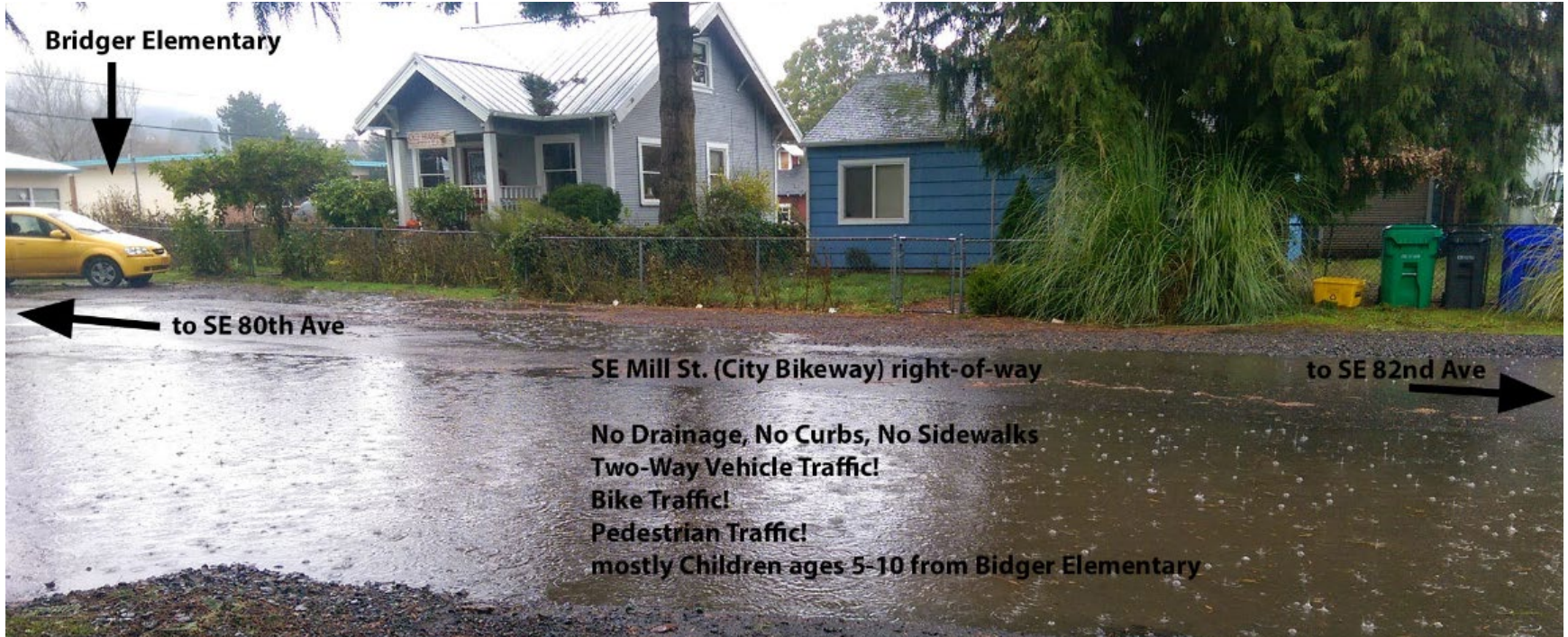
We feel the City should care about these improvements to **ensure the safety of children**, and make this a top priority. **Please do not wait until someone gets hurt.**



Photos taken 10/26/17 (L) and 10/21/17 (R) and Council testimony submitted by Hannah Furseth on 12/05/17

SE Mill Street Looking West to 80th

345.1 miles of paved streets, no curbs as of 6/30/21



On a more directly personal level, my family and I are caring for my husband who is in the later stages of dementia. His caregivers often have to push his wheelchair down the middle of the road amidst the heavy afternoon traffic to avoid the massive puddles and potholes. It can be a rather unnerving experience for all concerned.

*Undated photo and captions received on 4/24/17 from Dustin Furseth;
Excerpt of 5/20/17 letter received from Margaret Gosnell*

SE Mill Street Looking East to 82nd

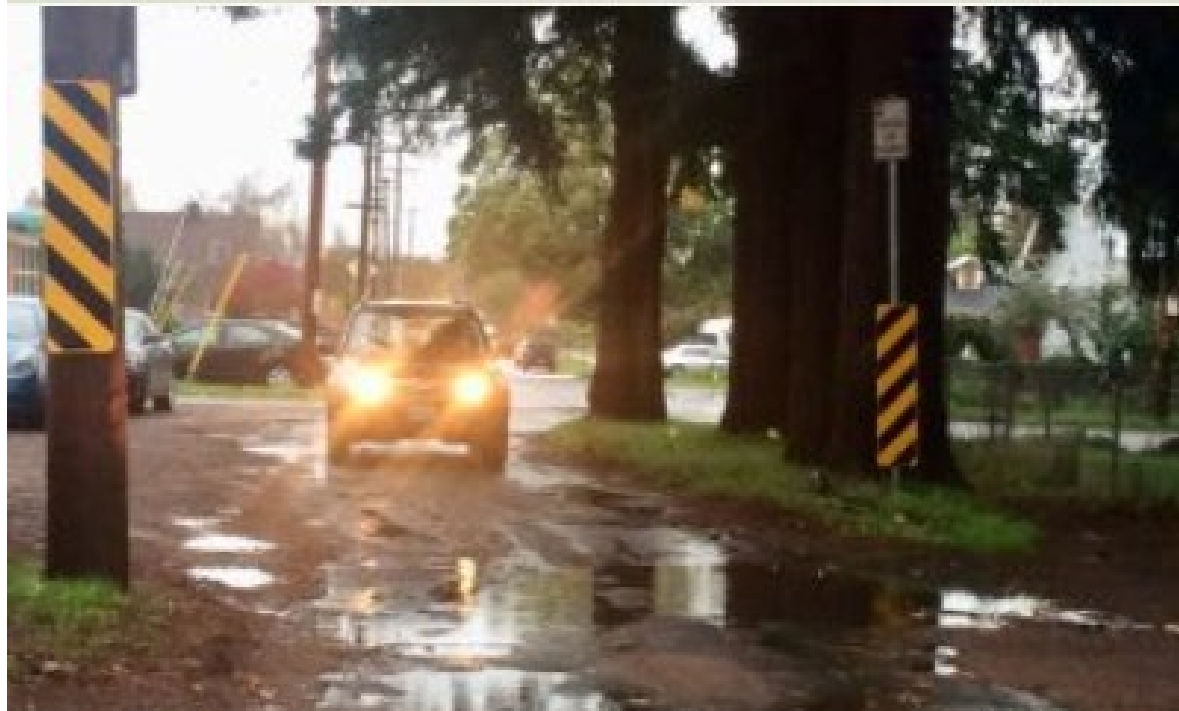
Key East Portland connection on 6/20/20



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SE 80th Avenue: Stephens to Market

Pavement score of 5 on zero (unpaved) to 100 scale



I've observed many near miss accidents involving children nearly getting hit by cars, buses, and bike collisions (bike to bike, bike to person, bike to vehicle) at this highly trafficked intersection. We are fortunate to live only 4 blocks from school. We need only walk from SE Grant to SE Mill along 80th. The irony of this fortune is that we are apprehensive of walking or biking the short distance because the street condition is not safe. As you know there are no sidewalks so we must share the street with bikes and vehicles. In addition, the street itself is undeveloped/unpaved. Because of the disinvestment of this street we see illicit and illegal activity. The street attracts vandalism, observed by the graffiti and gang tagging of fences and private property. We see drug use and drug paraphernalia. We see a lot of dumping. We see vehicles that are stolen, abandoned and vandalized. The stretch of Mill St from 80th to 82nd is our way to the closest playground owned by Portland Parks and Recreation, Harrison Park. This is also unsafe due to lack of sidewalks and condition of the pavement.

Photo taken on 11/14/16 by Amy Wren; Council testimony submitted by Kari Christensen on 11/27/17

SE 80th Ave. North of Grant to Stephens

55.8 miles of unpaved streets in City as of 6/30/17



"To watch my students come to school with wet shoes -- knowing that those are their only shoes -- because they have a journey to school that involves walking through water is heartbreaking to me. I think it's an assault on their basic dignity to have to live like that, because there aren't amenities that most communities take for granted."

*Photo taken by Andrew Aebi on 11/17/17, except photo of pedestrians taken on 11/21/17
Quotation from Lane Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Rowell (with permission)*

SE 80th Avenue: Stephens to Market

Preserved trees in middle of street on 9/18/21



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“A Rough Road Leads to Greatness”

Rachel Kimbrow:

Where are our safe routes to school?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13hDaWLqsXs>

