

Policy and Planning Solutions: *Transportation and traffic safety starts decades before anything is built through long-range planning, project prioritization, funding allocation, and citywide goals. Getting involved early and influencing policy and funding decisions will have a significant impact on what eventually happens on your neighborhood street. That his handout is a **brainstorming tool** to help neighbors and groups explore different opportunities to influence transportation policy and funding as a solution to your identified traffic safety issue.*

- **Advocate for transportation funding, good transportation policy at the state level:** Legislative session is a great opportunity to influence policy and funding decisions that can have a real, and lasting effect on what happens locally. Statewide efforts to increase revenue for transportation and traffic safety (e.g. gas tax or transportation funding packages) can be challenging to pass and lead to funding deficits and gaps later on.
 - See a recent SE Uplift newsletter article on how to get involved in Oregon’s 2017 legislative session.
 - Develop an advocacy plan using *Stakeholder Worksheet #2*

- **Get involved in long-range transportation planning processes:** Identify and get involved in a statewide (ODOT) or citywide (PBOT) long-range planning process.
 - Get on ODOT and PBOT listservs and social media to stay aware of opportunities that come up.
 - Participate in in-person and online engagement opportunities, and encourage other neighbors or your neighborhood association or other community organizations to do the same.

- **Provide on-going transportation plan and project advocacy:** Track transportation plans and policy efforts (e.g. Transportation System Plan, Fix our Streets, Safe Routes to Schools program, Vision Zero) even after they have been adopted to ensure adequate funding is made available to implementation these plans.
 - Develop and testify in support of funding those plans at City Council. Get other neighbors or groups to do the same.
 - Get involved with bicycle or pedestrian advocacy groups in the city and support their advocacy efforts.
 - PBOT often seeks Grant funding from other agencies such as Metro, the State of Oregon, and Federal Government. Support from residents and community organizations are essential in getting other funding sources for transportation safety projects.