

Neighborhood Initiated Safer Streets Concept (DRAFT)

Program Mission

- Foster community and improve street safety

Program Goals

- Make our streets safer and more livable using low cost tools
- Harness energy of community members willing to invest their resources to identify, get approvals for, and help fund improvements
- Make roadway changes:
 - Easily replicable
 - Consistent but flexible to suit community needs
 - An inclusive community building experience and process



Program Description

An accessible and defined process residents can go through in collaboration with Portland Bureau of Transportation(PBOT) staff to deploy changes in their community’s street design. Using low cost tools and existing city programs, we can work together to more quickly meet everyone’s safety, climate, and livability goals.

Process Goals

- If necessary, get Portland in the Streets program, especially Street Prototype element reinstated
- Identify requirements for any city approvals on interventions
- Develop a guidebook and project examples that show how low cost traffic calming interventions can improve safety on neighborhood streets using pilot projects
- Find ways to empower and include communities with less social and financial capital
- Identify tools and actions that would build on current city programs (e.g. Safe Streets) without requiring substantial involvement by city staff
- Create opportunities for pilot and “easy win” interventions to show effectiveness of community involvement in traffic calming

Treatment	Cost	Existing PBOT Program
Painted bulbouts/corners	Low	PDX in the Streets Program
Flexible bollards/wands and instreet signs	Low	Street Prototype??
Crosswalk painting	Low	Creative Crosswalks program
20 is plenty signs on yard stands or telephone poles	Low	Ongoing Education & Outreach

Widely available slow down and children playing signs	Low	Ongoing Education & Outreach
Branch trimming around stop signs and intersections	Low	Maintenance
Greenway livability support (Treatments specific to greenways like way-finding, signage, etc.)	Low	Intersection painting treatment program??
Chicanes (painted, bottle dots, or other low profile devices)	Low/Moderate	Street Prototype??
Concrete planters for diverters	Moderate	Street Prototype??
Request temporary installation of traffic cones, barrels and A board signs at intersections where traffic is diverting onto greenway	Moderate	Street Prototype??
Speed bumps	High	Traffic Calming Program (now defunct)