



Washington Street Area Improvements

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there any new traffic calming measures or pedestrian safety improvements being done with this project?

Yes. These improvements include:

- Curb extensions, where the curbs extend into the street several inches. This design slows down traffic and creates a shorter crossing distance for people walking.
- Refuge islands for people walking, where space allows.
- Consolidating marked crossing locations.
- TriMet relocating and consolidating bus stop locations.
- Filling in sections where sidewalks are missing and replacing existing sidewalks that do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Flashing pedestrian signal at the 27th Avenue and Lake Road crossing.

Has the project design team considered the impacts to vehicle, bus, and freight trips when the nearby [Monroe Greenway project](#) is completed?

We factored in the future increase in vehicle traffic when designing this project. We have conducted traffic studies along the project area to better understand the current traffic situation as well as plan for future traffic. There will be no changes to the Washington Street TriMet bus route, nor the North Clackamas School District bus route along Washington Street and 27th Avenue.

Harrison Street is the preferred local route for freight trips in the current Transportation System Plan. Since Monroe Street is not considered a freight route, we do not expect a large increase of freight traffic onto Washington Street after the Greenway is completed. We did consider freight vehicles on Washington Street and Edison Street in this design due to business access needs along Washington Street, into the south end of downtown Milwaukie, and to 35th Avenue onto Lake Road.

Where does the funding come from?

The funding comes from several resources. The street improvements are funded by the Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) fund. The sidewalks, refuge island, crosswalk markings, and curb extensions are funded by the Safe Access For Everyone (SAFE) fund.



The water infrastructure improvements are funded by the Water fund, the stormwater improvements are funded by the Storm fund, and the sanitary sewer improvements are funded by the Wastewater fund.

How long does it take for the new pavement (asphalt) to be drivable?

Once poured, the new asphalt will take about four hours or more to cool down. While it cools, vehicles will not be allowed to drive over the new asphalt.

Will there still be on-street parking on Edison Street?

Yes, even with the addition of the sidewalk, the same space will be available for parking that exists currently.