

181st Avenue Safety Improvements: \$2M

This project builds on a recent \$3.17M federal infrastructure investment for safety improvements on 181st Avenue between Stark Street and Burnside Street, focusing on safety for all road users, pedestrian accessibility, and enhanced streetlighting. This request for state funding would extend similar design treatments north from Burnside as traffic volumes increase as the street gets closer to its connection with I-84.

This section of 181st is an important major arterial, connecting the Interstate 84 interchange and the Columbia Corridor job base in the north to homes, parks, and schools and US 26 to the south. Moreover, development in the Rockwood area is increasing demand for safe and accessible transportation options for pedestrians and bicyclists. Growing traffic across competing modes means that the infrastructure should be better designed to manage and reduce conflicting movements, especially to protect the most vulnerable road users.

Specific improvements include the following:

- Modify and/or upgrade curb ramps, sidewalks and driveways to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Relocate utility poles out of the sidewalk where necessary and feasible
- Add streetlights to the west side of the street, to enhance conspicuity of pedestrians
- Restripe the roadway to allow for a buffered bike lane to be installed on both sides of 181st



Project benefits include increased vehicular and pedestrian safety, enhanced infrastructure in an area of great socioeconomic diversity, and a reduction in emissions through increased access to walking, biking, and transit for primary trips.