

## ENGINEERING SERVICES

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Dear Elliott Road Neighbor,

**We want to make sure we've heard from you before moving forward:**

**The preferred alternative for improvements to Elliott Road from OR99W to Newberg High School was presented to Council on 5/18; Council requested additional public comment from the neighborhood.**

**Here are some ways you can share your thoughts and questions about the preferred alternative:**

**Attend an informal ONLINE presentation via Zoom specifically for adjacent neighbors on Thursday, May 28 from 6:30 to 7:30.**

- There will be a brief presentation to learn more about elements that we've considered in the design. Questions and comments can be submitted in the "chat" during the online presentation or send comments and questions in advance or after. Depending on how many people participate, we may be able to offer everyone a few minutes to share their thoughts about the projects.
- Join the Zoom Online Meeting: find the link on the Elliott Road Project webpage ([www.newbergoregon.gov/engineering/project/elliott-road-improvement-project](http://www.newbergoregon.gov/engineering/project/elliott-road-improvement-project))  
Or call in to 1-669-900-6833, 91257235336#, 1#, 721944#

*Allow an extra minute to access the meeting. You will need to register in order to log in. There may be a brief delay as we open and start the meeting.*

**Call us! Information we hear will inform Council on how we move forward. Council plans to meet again on June 15.**

- If there is another design issue you are concerned about, please call us. If we hear from you by June 10, we can share with City Council.

**Attend the June 10, 2020 Traffic Safety Commission meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm.**

- There will be a brief presentation to learn more about elements that we've considered in the design.
- The link for this meeting will be on the City's webpage soon.

Last summer, the City and design consultant began looking at how to make safety improvements, for all modes of travel, to Elliott Road between OR 99W to the entrance to Newberg High School. We met with many neighbors in July 2019 at walking tours in the street and again in September 2019 at an open house at Mabel Rush Elementary to gather input on what the design should look like.

## What we heard from neighbors in 2019:

- Wide support for sidewalks –safe spaces for kids and vulnerable users
- Desire for vehicles to slow down – most drivers abide speed limits but a few speed on the straight stretch of road
- Desire for an attractive residential street – neighbors want to save existing trees and want to see a narrow but consistent road width – they don't want a wide road
- Some concern that the road does not see many bicyclists today
- Concerns about private property impacts
- Concerns about loss of on-street parking
- Concerns about funding

## Design recommendation – the “preferred alternative”:

The designers used this community input along with the technical survey information to create the preferred alternative (see enclosed fact sheet with graphics).

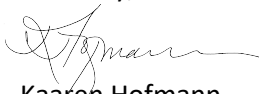
- Vehicle lanes will be a consistent 11-foot width, sized to encourage school-zone speeds. Current lanes vary from 12 to 19 feet. Vehicle lanes will not be getting wider with the changes.
- Sidewalks and bike lanes will be continuous and clearly marked on both sides of the road. No one will have to cross traffic to find a safe path.
- Intersections will have curb extensions for shorter, safer crossings and to encourage slower traffic.
- Planter strips will separate traffic from people walking and biking. The area provides space for plants and new trees to enhance the neighborhood. Planter areas will be removed to reduce private property impacts and to save healthy trees where possible.
- On-street parking is proposed to be prohibited on the roadway. There is the possibility, with adjacent owner support, that on-street parking could be requested. All homes will maintain private driveways that accommodate a vehicle.

## Learn more about the project

- Visit: [www.newbergoregon.gov/engineering/project/elliott-road-improvement-project](http://www.newbergoregon.gov/engineering/project/elliott-road-improvement-project)
- Watch the recorded presentation from the City Council meeting on May 18
- View a computer simulation video of the potential future Elliott Road Improvements
- Review the enclosed information sheet about the project
- Review the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions

We want to make sure we are hearing from those directly affected by the proposed improvements to Elliott Road. If you need accommodations or translation services please let us know and we will arrange for that to occur. We will continue working with neighbors to resolve individual property details during design.

Sincerely,



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City Engineer