Safe Parking - PSU

Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative

Portland State University
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WHERE & WHAT IS THE NEED?

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
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IMPLEMENTATION & BARRIERS FOR FUTURE SAFE PARKING PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

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CASE STUDIES: GREATER PORTLAND

A PLACE TO CATCH YOUR BREATH

WHERE: private faith-based organizations or public agencies

WHY BEAVERTON? The City of Beaverton summer / fall 2015 - summer / fall 2019

LEADERS: Joint Office of Homeless Services, A Home for Everyone, and Catholic Charities

GOAL: Provide legal and safe space for individuals and families experiencing vehicular homelessness

WHO: individuals and families experiencing vehicular homelessness in the City of Beaverton

POTENTIAL SECURE ENTRY POINT - 24HR EXTERIOR STAIRWELLS
STAIRWELL TO SW MILL & BROADWAY
BART: blue and green lines
Yellow and Green

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WHERE: provincial hospital- operates 3 ERs in Clackamas County

WHY CLACKAMAS: because province hospital operates 3 ERs in Clackamas County

ORGANIZATION HELP: MACG (Metro Clackamas County Health Alliance)

WHO: discharged individuals from province hospital emergency department

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