Sustainable Options for Division Street

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- Community Development, Environmental, and Land Use Planners
- Long-time Portland Residents
- Neighbors
Focus of this workshop

- Upcoming changes
- Some concerns about where Division is headed
- Some confusion about what’s going on
- Some uncertainty about how to get involved
Our Role....

- Share what we’ve learned
- Get you in contact with experts involved in the planning process
- Generate discussion within the Division Street community
Workshop Goals

• Get background on the upcoming plans for Division Street
• Become engaged in the planning process
• Familiarize yourself with the language
• Practice visualizing a sustainable street
• Learn options for a sustainable intersection
• Meet your neighbors!
Background

- **Oregon Solutions**
  - February until May 2003
  - Application for Transportation Growth Management Grant

- **Division Main Street / Green Street Project**
  - July 2004 until June 2005
  - Planning, Southeast 11th – 60th

- **Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Project**
  - 2007-2009
  - Repair and Construction, Southeast 6th – 39th
Transportation Growth Management Project Priorities

- Transit
- Delivery of goods
- Good pedestrian access
- Good mobility
- An overall balance of modes
Local Government Agencies

- Metro Regional Government
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Portland Office of Transportation
- Bureau of Planning
- Bureau of Development Services
- Bureau of Environmental Services
- Office of Sustainable Development
- Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- Tri-Met

All will be involved in the steering committee
We’re going to look at the term sustainability. What does it mean? What does it mean to us?
Many layers of the environment, each with its own version of sustainability. Policy and planning have several similarities and conflicts within each layer. Layers impact each other.
Sustainable options

- Stormwater
- Transportation
- Business
- Public Realm
- Civic Engagement
Stormwater is the main issue in Portland. The Willamette River has served as a drainage basin for pollutants from the development of our city. The concept of a “fish and swim” river is still within reach, but a variety of issues need to be addressed for this to occur.
During heavy storm periods, sewers may become overloaded because of the high volume of surface runoff. To avoid flooding, the excess water overflows from the sewer system through relief structures called **combined sewer overflows (CSOs)**.
Considerations

- No connection between source of pollution and drainage to the river
- Education of water consumption and conservation
- Connection between residents and river
Sustainable Options for Stormwater
What are ecoroofs?
What are bioswales?
Sustainable Options for Stormwater

Stormwater Planters

Portland State’s Epler Hall
City incentive for residential $53 per downspout
Examples of this on Division Street
COSTS?
Mention green streets → transportation
Division Street Corridor includes four main neighborhoods
How would you describe rush hour traffic during rush hour?
Multiple modes of transit create a very busy place during rush hour.
Considerations

- Peak traffic flow very high
- Dangerous traffic speeds
- Unsafe pedestrian environment
- Multiple conflicts with narrow right-of-way
- On-street parking
Walking—and active, friendly streets—are part of Portland’s famed livability. Portland earned this reputation by recognizing that a livable community is one where people walk. City leaders have placed a priority on creating places where pedestrians are safe and comfortable, where the streets and sidewalks are full of people and activity and where the presence of people deters inappropriate activities such as crime and vandalism.

It takes more than just good sidewalks to ensure an active street life—it requires attention to all the elements in the right of way, such as landscaping, lighting, traffic speed, transit, crosswalks, bicycles and paving materials.
Curb Extensions

Northeast 18th and Alberta
Traffic calming / connection with nature
Sustainable Options for Transportation

Crosswalks

SE 31st and Division
Safe bike lanes increase ridership and lessen auto-dependency
On street parking with sustainable treatments. Trans is complicated because of Main Street, multi-modality
Business
Sense of place, pedestrian friendly, and an active community….

… positive things for business!
Considerations

- A strong local economy
- Integration of business community and sustainable development
- Property acquisition
- Property ownership
Sustainable Options for Business

Gateways and Sense of Place
Sustainable Options for Business

Unifying Theme
Sustainable Options for Business

Ordinance Variations
Local Green Economy

- Cooperative recycling programs
- Division Brown Bags
- Water and energy reduction certification program.
- Division Dollars?
Civic Engagement
Community:

- Neighborhood Associations – Richmond, Hosford-Abernethy, Mount Tabor, South Tabor
- Division / Clinton Business Associations
- Division Vision Coalition
- Southeast Uplift
- Religious institutions
- Schools
- Many more…..
What’s important is how you can make a difference.
Considerations

• Evolving participation process for the Division Corridor
• Community / government communication
• “Language” barrier between community and governing agencies
• Government agencies communication
Sustainable Options for Civic Engagement

Envision

Sunnyside Piazza

St Philip Neri Bioswale
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Education and Storytelling
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Get Involved
Sustainable Options for Civic Engagement

Stay Informed

Free community workshop

Sustainable Options for Division Street

Prepared by the Greenways Network & Elevations Coalition

Help make the Division Street community more:
- Walkable
- Pedestrian-friendly
- Community-connected
- Safe and social in business districts or neighborhoods
- Environmentally sustainable
- Locally connected

Learn about sustainability
Practice designing a livable, walkable, sustainable community
Enhance your understanding of local planning efforts
Meet your neighbors

To sign up or learn more, please contact:
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Thursday, May 19
Evanston Rec
9277 NW Division St

8:00 - 9:00 am

Friday, May 20

Evanston Rec
9277 NW Division St

8:00 - 9:00 am

Saturday, May 21

People's Place

9277 NW Division St

8:00 - 9:00 am

Monday, May 23

Evanston Rec
9277 NW Division St

8:00 - 9:00 am
Sustainable Options for Civic Engagement

Make Your Voice Heard!
Public Realm
Considerations

- Identity – mixed bag or continuous?
- Long-term planning
- Burden of cost?
Sustainable Options for Public Realm

Aesthetics
Sustainable Options for Public Realm

Identity
Sustainable Options for Public Realm

Accommodations
Sustainable Options for Public Realm

Community character
Many layers of the environment, each with its own version of sustainability. Policy and planning have several similarities and conflicts within each layer.
What will happen next?

- Transportation Growth Management Process begins in July
- Get involved! Community Working Group
- Intersection designs to Portland Office of Transportation

Open House – See your designs!
May 30th at Haven 3-5 PM