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DESIGN GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

Potential Design Guidelines Committee representation:

Neighborhood Associations

- Burton Evergreen
- Burton Ridge
- Fircrest
- First Place
- Forest Ridge
- Image
- Landover Sharmel
- North Garrison Heights
- North Hearthwood
- Parkside

Public Agencies and Businesses

- Al Angelo Company
- American Medical Response
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Clark County
- C-TRAN
- Evergreen School District
- Gramor Development
- Joe's Farm
- McMenamin's Brew Pub

- Regional Transportation Council
- Southwest Washington Medical Center
- Vancouver Housing Authority
- Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
- Washington State Department of Transportation, Southwest Region

City of Vancouver

- Transportation Services
- Fire Department
- Police Services
- Economic Development Planning
- Parks and Recreation
- Construction
- Urban Forestry Operations
- Landscape Maintenance

Members of the design, engineering, and public involvement consultant team

Read more about the Design Guidelines Committee inside.



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11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.

Elks Lodge #823

4-7 p.m.

May 22

Thursday,

project Open House

Join us at the first

NE 18th Street (Segment 1)
NE 112th to NE 138th Avenue

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NE 18TH STREET
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SEGMENT 1 IMPROVEMENTS

NE 112TH AVENUE TO NE 138TH AVENUE

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Improvement planning picking up speed

NE 18th Street between NE 87th Avenue and NE 192nd Avenue was identified by City of Vancouver and Clark County officials as a major east-west arterial in the late 1970s. In 2006, an Environmental Assessment and preliminary engineering design for corridor improvements were completed. Funding is now in place for final design and construction of the first segment between NE 112th and NE 138th avenues.



The need for improvement of NE 18th Street is clear. The existing roadway is two lanes with substandard pavement conditions, dirt shoulders, ditches, and culverts. A majority of the corridor has no center-turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, or streetlights. As residential and commercial

growth continues east of I-205, NE 18th Street is becoming more congested and, without improvement, will be unable to accommodate future traffic demands.

The goal is to provide a safe and efficient multi-modal east/west connection across the city; offer ready access to emergency facilities; alleviate traffic congestion on Burton Road, Mill Plain Boulevard, and NE 112th Avenue; and provide neighborhood connectivity.

The nature of the planned improvements include four travel lanes, medians, turn lanes, trail, noise walls, sidewalks, landscaping, hardscape, cross walk treatments, lighting, etc. Improvements would accommodate growth in the area over the next 20 years.

Over the long term, the City proposes to improve and expand NE 18th Street between NE 87th Avenue and NE 192nd Avenue. Improvements east and west of Segment 1 (NE 112th Avenue to NE 138th Avenue) will occur as final design and construction funding becomes available.

OPEN HOUSE

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- Learn about the project
- Provide information to project team about unique features of the corridor
- Suggest design considerations
- Become familiar with timeline

Informational presentations at
4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

The Project in Brief

Between 2003 and 2006, the City of Vancouver led an Environmental Assessment and preliminary engineering design of NE 18th Street from NE 87th Avenue to NE 192nd Avenue. Funding is now in place for final design and construction of the segment between NE 112th and NE 138th avenues (Segment 1). This spring, the City of Vancouver will begin an extensive public involvement effort to engage local residents, neighborhood associations, businesses, and public agencies in the planning and design of the project. Construction of Segment 1 is expected to start in 2010.

INSIDE Project Timeline • Project Area Map • Environmental Assessment • Involving the Community

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Project Timeline (tentative)

April 2008	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January-March 2009	April-September	2010
Prepare 30% Designs					Prepare 60% Designs				Prepare 90% design plans	100% Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Begin Construction
Design Guidelines (DG): Opportunities & Constraints	DG: Develop Alternatives		DG: Refine Alternatives	DG: Finalize Alternatives	DG: Prepare Draft Guidelines		DG: Refine Guidelines	DG: Finalize Guidelines			
Prepare right of way plans					Right of way appraisal and negotiations					Begin Construction	
Open House #1		Open House #2		Open House #3		Open House #4					

Involving the community follows familiar path

The NE 18th Street – Segment 1 Improvements will build on the foundation of communication established during the Environmental Assessment (EA) process from 2003-2006. Public and agency involvement began early in the EA process and continued throughout to keep communication lines open, address issues when they were in their initial stages, and give the community the opportunity to participate in the process.

The public involvement program for the Segment 1 improvements will include open houses, specially scheduled “kitchen table” meetings to focus on certain areas along the corridor where people have spe-

cific issues and concerns, and stakeholder communications.

Design Guidelines Committee

The Design Guidelines Committee, a broad-base group of corridor stakeholders, will work with the project team to develop corridor-wide design guidelines. It includes City staff; representatives of neighborhood associations along the corridor; public agency representatives; and project engineering, design, and public involvement consultants (*see list on back page*).

Starting in June and working through December of this year, the committee will ensure that community perspectives are

heard, considered, and addressed. Among their tasks, members will identify opportunities, constraints, issues, and unique features in the corridor; respond to the preliminary conceptual design and refined streetscape concept; and review and comment on the final design guidelines.

Although this phase of the project will only address final design and construction for Segment 1 between NE 112th and NE 138th avenues, the design guidelines will extend from NE 87th Avenue to NE 192nd Avenue. These corridor-wide guidelines will ensure design consistency and connectivity between neighborhoods, as the various segments are funded, while considering the identity of the neighborhoods along the corridor.

Environmental Assessment lays foundation for improvements

The process of improving NE 18th Street began in 2003 with the Environmental Assessment, preliminary engineering design, and traffic analysis from NE 87th to NE 192nd Avenue. Prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the EA process included public input, field work, and data collection on existing conditions in the corridor.

The study focused on both the natural and built environments. These included:

Natural Air quality, wetlands, vegetation, threatened and endangered species, soils and geology, hazardous materials, wildlife, fish, water quality, and drainage.

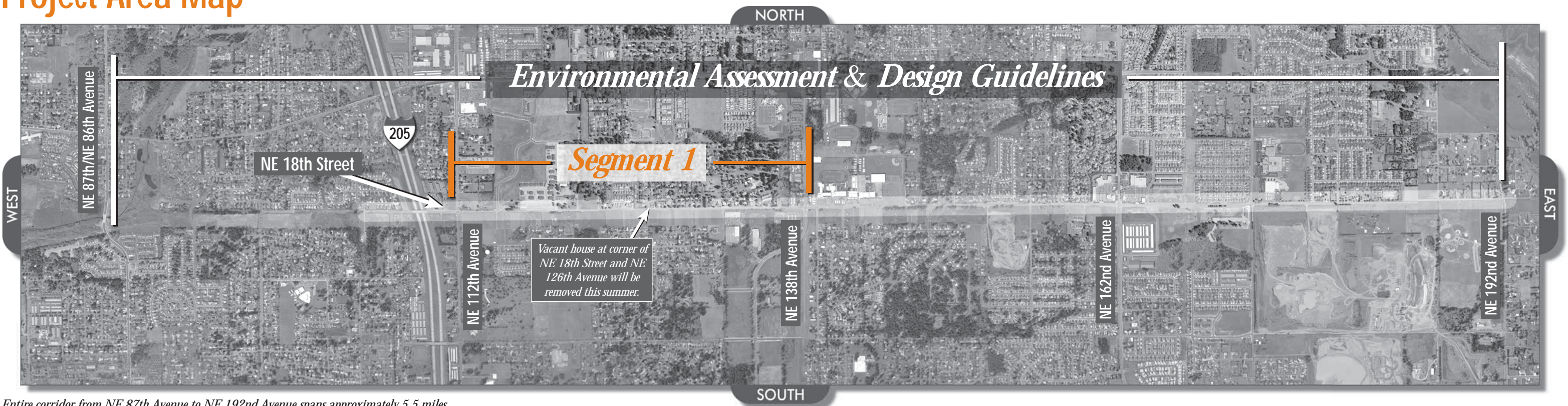
Built Visual, social, economic, cultural, archaeological, historic, land use, and traffic/transportation uses.

At the same time this data was being collected, the project team developed alternative alignments and designs for the corridor, which were further analyzed in the EA. The EA also included a discussion on impacts of the project on neighborhoods and surrounding area.

The EA received a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) from the Federal Highway Administration in 2006. This decision means corridor improvements identified in the EA would not significantly affect the quality of the natural or built environment. Compliance with SEPA will be obtained as each project segment moves into final design.



Project Area Map



Entire corridor from NE 87th Avenue to NE 192nd Avenue spans approximately 5.5 miles.