

Harmon Boulevard Safe Route to Schools/Parks Neighborhood Livability Project Description



BACKGROUND

The City of Bend is committed to safety and enhancing livability. In 2019, City Council created an \$800,000 opportunity fund for neighborhoods to build small safety projects - Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP). The neighborhoods solicited and received over 360 project ideas. The 13 neighborhood associations each selected two (2) projects and the neighborhoods collectively ranked them. The 2019-2021 NSSP program is working to construct the top eight (8) ranked NSSP Projects. NW Harmon between Galveston and Newport is one of the 2019-2021 projects.

HARMON BOULEVARD

Harmon Boulevard north of Galveston was prioritized by the community to provide traffic calming, improve street crossing comfort and safety, and increase bicycling and walking. People cross the street to access the school and park and nearby commercial areas, but drivers do not stop for someone crossing the street 27% of the time. There are 1724 cars per day and 33% of them exceed the posted speed limit. There have been 8 reported crashes on the corridor, with one pedestrian hit near the intersection with Milwaukee Avenue. Milwaukee Avenue is planned for a neighborhood greenway route which will further increase crossings.

The proposal aims to increase safety for everyone and prevent crashes by reducing travel speeds. The project will do this by adding traffic calming elements, such as speed humps, reducing the posted speed to 20 mph and enhancing the crosswalk visibility to Harmon Park. The City is working towards construction this summer 2020.

CONSTRUCTION – SUMMER 2020

Improve Residential Nature of Harmon

- Enhance crosswalk for Harmon Park
- Speed humps along the corridor
- Shared lane markings
- 20 mph speed limit



Encourage Courteous Use of the Road

- Obey speed limit
- Always stop for people crossing the street
- Emphasize neighborhood safety over speed