

11: NE Cully Boulevard

NE Cully improvements will serve an economically challenged community and improve a dangerous gap for cyclists.

SITUATION

- Medium traffic arterial street
- Bike lanes on part of the route
- Connects to Hollywood north to Killingsworth and airport bike routes

Running north-south through Northeast Portland, Cully Boulevard is an important medium-traffic arterial street that runs north-south in Northeast Portland. Cully is an extension of the NE 57th bikeway in the Hollywood District, turning into Cully north of Fremont Street, terminating at Columbia Boulevard.

Portions of the Cully/ NE 57th corridor between Fremont and NE Prescott are striped with bike lanes. North of Prescott a northbound bike lane continues, terminating at Killingsworth.

Cully connects to a number of existing, planned, and future bicycle routes including Skidmore Street, Killingsworth, and Portland Boulevard. Other low-traffic bicycle boulevards may be built in the area.



PROBLEMS

- Inadequate shoulders; no bike lanes
- Fast-moving vehicles
- Lack of alternative north-south routes

Cully Boulevard lacks adequate space for safe bicycling. This urban road has rural characteristics including a single travel in each direction, dirt shoulders, and no sidewalks.

Lack of or soft roadway shoulders constrains riding space. Because of higher auto speeds, bicyclists cannot easily occupy a full travel lane. With only one travel lane in each direction, there are limited windows for faster moving cars to pass slower bikers.

Cully and NE 57th bike lanes end at Prescott, leaving critical gaps for people seeking safe routes in this area. The intersection of Prescott, Cully, and NE 60th is hazardous, with five streets converging on an area navigable only by the most experienced cyclist.

SOLUTIONS

- New bike lanes
- Improved crossings at bike routes
- Reconstruct Prescott/Cully/60th

Bike lanes along Cully Boulevard from 57th to Columbia is the most direct approach to improving bicycle safety and access. New bike lanes would probably require building shoulders and sidewalks.

Improved signs along the route and crossing treatments to connecting bicycle routes are needed. Street crossing improvements are important for future bicycle boulevards that cross Cully.



The Prescott, Cully, and NE 60th intersection must be improved for bicyclists and pedestrians. This dangerous and confusing intersection is the location for the Portland's first planned modern roundabout. Roundabouts are designed to improve circulation while increasing safety, visibility, and aesthetics.

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