

15: 92nd Ave

Improving SE 92nd Avenue will fill gaps in the connection between the Lents neighborhood and other parts of Portland, including Rocky Butte in northeast Portland. I-84 is a significant barrier and will require a bridge or other innovative and easily identifiable way to cross it.

SITUATION

- Ties east Portland neighborhoods together
- Meets numerous east-west bike routes
- Has only partial bike lanes along route
- Is a higher speed arterial road

92nd Avenue is a medium sized street that is used by auto drivers for circulation through southeast Portland. There are few low-traffic north-south bicycle routes east of the 82nd Avenue and, though not yet fully improved for bicycles, 92nd Avenue is the designated north-south route.

Some of 92nd is currently improved or appropriate for bicycles. Bike lanes on 92nd extend south from Foster Road into Clackamas County. Bike lanes also exist on the stretch of 92nd between SE Lincoln and Powell, an area where the traffic volumes and speeds increase. The remainder of the stretch has either wide shoulders or is low-traffic.

PROBLEMS

- Gaps exist in the bike lanes
- Fast-moving vehicles
- 92nd does not cross I-84

Gaps in the bicycle network, and along specific routes, is one of the top four concerns reported by cyclists in BTA surveys. The primary problem with 92nd is just this. Between SE Division and Holgate bikers must either merge with traffic on a busy street or seek other routes. The alternative routes are few and not very appealing.



92nd Avenue also has gaps that prevent bicyclists from going through altogether. The most notable gap involves crossing I-84, a barrier that requires long detours.

SOLUTIONS

- Add a bicycle boulevard to help fill gaps
- Bridge over I-84
- Finish bike lanes

Some stretches of 92nd Avenue are busy with auto traffic and would benefit from an adjacent bicycle boulevard. Especially in sections that lack bicycle lanes, cyclists could use the bicycle boulevard. A bicycle boulevard one block east, on 91st Avenue, would take bikers north from Stark to the barrier at I-84.



Crossing I-84 requires a solution. One option would be to build a bike and pedestrian bridge over the freeway that connects 92nd Avenue on both sides. The bridge would take bikers to Rocky Butte and connect to routes going north and west.

The rest of the route must include bike lanes to accommodate cyclists safely. The stretch of 92nd between Powell and Holgate is scheduled to be repaved in early 2007 and will include bike lanes.

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