



East Portland Avenue Project (East 64th Street to East 72nd Street)

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East Portland Avenue – Project Overview (East 64th Street to East 72nd Street)



PROJECT LIMITS MAP
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Project Name – East Portland Avenue
(East 64th Street to East 72nd Street)

Project Number - PWK-G0053

Project Description –

The project limits are along Portland AVE. between E. 64th ST. and E. 72nd ST. in Tacoma's Eastside area.

The project scope is approximately 0.5 miles in length and is a road grind and overlay project that will include upgrading curb ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, construction of new traffic calming bulb-outs, and installation of a new HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) beacon signalized pedestrian crossing at E. 68th ST.

● ● ● East Portland Avenue – Project Funding



Project Funding –

PSRC FED (STBG(UL)): <i>Puget Sound Regional Council</i>	\$1,050,000
REET2 (Active Transport Funds):	\$ 500,000
1085 Streets Initiative Fund:	\$ 105,239
<u>City Grant Match</u>	<u>\$ 57,642</u>
<i>TOTAL Project Funds:</i>	<i>\$1,712,881</i>

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● ● ● East Portland Avenue - Right of Way Needs



Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition Required –

- 8 --- Parcels affected within project scope
- 8 --- Owners
- Out of the 8 parcels/8 owners above – there remains **1** parcel/owner in which negotiations have been unsuccessful due to non-responsiveness

ROW needs for the overall project consists of Fee Acquisitions and Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs):

- *Fee acquisitions are permanent property rights, usually consisting of sliver acquisitions of property*
- *TCEs are temporary property rights with a term lasting 2 years or less*
- Overall project construction time estimated to be 85 working days
- Actual construction time in front of any given property would be intermittent throughout the construction period lasting hours or days. Property owner access to their property during construction is prioritized to the best of our ability.

ROW needed from the **1 remaining** required holdout parcel/owner:

- Fee acquisition of 204 square feet

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●●● Right of Way Needs Cont.



Remaining Parcel Holdout – 1609 – 1621 E. 68th ST

Reasoning – Non-responsive to attempts at negotiation

Existing Conditions:

- Commercial property
- Apartment complex

Improvement Proposed:

- Existing cross-walk to be replaced with new HAWK signal
- All work would be done around perimeter of property
- Property access not impacted during construction
- Fee Acquisition – **204 square feet**

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Next steps required to move project forward:

- Real Property Services (RPS) has submitted a Council Action Memo (CAM) seeking Council's authorization for the use of eminent domain for condemnation proceedings to commence – known as the "Final Action" ordinance or condemnation ordinance. The Final Action ordinance reading will be the 1st and final reading and is scheduled for this evening.
- Notice of the Final Action ordinance was sent to affected property owners at least 15 days prior to the request for Council action, per state statute (RCW 8.25.290), as follows:
 - *Notice delivered by certified mail to property owner/address of record as found in Pierce County Assessor's records as required by state statute.*
 - *Notice made by publication in newspaper w/ largest circulation in Tacoma (Tacoma News Tribune)*
 - *Notice made by publication in local newspaper routinely used by the City for legal noticing (Tacoma Daily Index)*
- Approval of Final Action ordinance will allow City Legal Department to file a petition and summons for a condemnation action with Pierce County Superior Court.

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QUESTIONS?

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