

Policy 6.39 Northwest Transportation District

Strengthen the multimodal transportation system in the Northwest District by increasing public transit use, encouraging transportation demand management measures, and improving pedestrian and bicycle access.

Objectives:

- A. Expand transit service throughout the district, including adding more cross-town service, connecting bus service from the Civic Stadium light rail station to the northwest industrial area, and improving service in low-density areas such as Linnton.
- B. Route non-local and industrial traffic around the edges of the district on Major City Traffic Streets and Regional Trafficways.
- C. Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle access improvements into all transportation projects, especially along arterials and at crossing locations.
- D. Protect Forest Park's natural resources in the design and development of transportation projects in or near the park.
- E. Reinforce the Northwest District main streets – NW 21st, 23rd, and Thurman – by retaining and improving their pedestrian-oriented character and improving access to transit.
- F. Support a range of strategies in the high-density portions of the district to address parking issues, including commuter and event parking impacts.
- G. Maintain neighborhood livability in the construction or reconstruction of streets by adding street trees, buffering pedestrians from traffic, and preserving on-street parking.
- H. Limit transportation projects on West Burnside to those that reduce vehicle miles traveled, give preference to transit, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, or improve safety, but do not increase automobile capacity.
- I. Improve access to NW 14th and 16th to support their function as connections to the commercial and industrial areas in Northwest Portland and to reduce impacts of non-local traffic on residential areas.
- J. Evaluate and make recommendations on returning the NW Everett/NW Glisan and the NW18th/NW 19th couplets to two-way streets.
- K. Support the scenic and natural character of NW Skyline Boulevard by focusing non-local north/south traffic between West Burnside and NW Cornell Road on NW Miller.















