

This is our first e-news update for the Astor West Expansion Area. We plan to provide quarterly updates on this project to keep you informed about activities, events, and opportunities to get involved.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a fun, “out of doors” open house on July 28 with 24 people attending and asking questions about plans for Bond Street, traffic calming solutions, and housing rehabilitation opportunities. Maps that were available at the open house have been posted to the project website: [Astor West Urban Renewal Area Expansion](#).

Bond Street is an important, east-west transportation corridor that connects Uniontown and Downtown. Emergency responders, Sunset Empire Transit, and Astoria School District have expressed interest in reopening the corridor to two way traffic. The Astoria Development Commission (ADC) would like to expand the Astor West URA that would fund a retaining wall, allow a narrow two-way street, and on-street parallel parking for residents and local businesses.

As the City hears from the public and develops a proposal with the City’s consultant, Staff will continue to update the ADC.

Here are important dates to keep on the calendar:

- August 1: ADC update on Open House
- August 15: ADC considers officially initiating expansion of Urban Renewal Area and reviewing the Storefront Improvement Program Guidelines
- October 3: ADC review of Plan and Report
- October 25: Astoria Planning Commission holds public hearing and takes public comment
- November 7: ADC first reading of the ordinance to review the URA expansion
- November 21: ADC second reading of the ordinance to review and adopt the URA expansion.

If you have any questions about the project, or suggestions for getting the word out, please contact us. If you haven't already, please check out our [Facebook](#) page and "Like" us. We'll be posting photos and upcoming events on our Facebook page as well.