

## ASTOR WEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA EXPANSION: "COME BOND WITH US" E-NEWS UPDATE 11-22-16

This is our fourth e-news update for the Astor West Expansion Area.

On November 21, 2016 the Astoria City Council adopted an Ordinance to approve the Astor West Expansion Area.

On October 25, the Planning Commission hosted an open house and held a public hearing to take public comments. The Planning Commission reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the expansion proposal as required by ORS 457.

Based on this recommendation and the public comments, the City Council held a first reading on November 7 and voted to approve at a second reading on November 21.

Now that the City Council has approved the funding, when will Bond Street reopen to two way traffic?

The Public Works Department will begin the design engineering process to install a retaining wall and make other practical street improvements, including traffic calming measures.

Once the design is complete, and a contractor is hired, the affected area above Bond Street needs to dry out. Construction is expected towards the end of summer of 2017.

Reopening would not occur until September at the earliest.

An open house is planned for Spring 2017.

In addition, the City will be collaborating with local housing partners on developing a housing program to help renovate existing homes and apartments.

If you have any other questions about the Bond street project or housing improvements, 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.

We plan to take a hiatus on the updates until design work can be drafted on the Bond Street reopening.

As meetings are scheduled, the City will send an update to invite interested parties and to comment on proposals.

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