OPEN HOUSE -- Damascus Roads: Now and in the future

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Responses to: Please tell us about the............3 Most Important Transportation Issues in Damascus

HOME LOCATION	WORK LOCATION	ISSUE 1	ISSUE 2	ISSUE 3
Damascus	Retired Engineer	Weatherly Lane – ¼ mile, dead end unpaved road, eroding at culvert, at least 16 auto trips	222 nd /OR212 – dangerous intersection, sight distance problem,	Sunnyside Rd/OR212 – needs traffic light as at Foster Rd and OR212
Damascus		per day, with garbage truck once a week There is a safety issue concerning the lack of a safe bike lane on Sunnyside between OR212 and 172 nd . That stretch needs to include one.	should have flashing yellow light Stop light needed at Royer and OR212	
Damascus	Retired	Short term: need shoulders/bike paths on major roads. Long term: sidewalks where possible	Improved Foster Rd/Tillstrom intersection	
		OR212 is almost at a standstill too many hours of the day. We as residents are trapped.		
Damascus	Clackamas/ Gresham	No way to exit my neighborhood except by car. It would be nice to connect a sidewalk to at least 172 nd .		
Damascus (resident for the past 20 years, but these changes have been in the last two years)	Portland	Increased non-local traffic at dangerous intersections. Accidents have increased dramatically at 222 nd and OR212 . Gresham-Estacada traffic uses this as a thoroughfare now and can be angry and impatient. Road rage has started to happen. People jump onto 212 when there isn't enough time. Damascus people are starting to divert back to 232 nd . This route is longer, but safe. But those not from Damascus don't know, and dangerously cause a significant increase in accidents. This needs to be issue #1 for our local taxpayer money.	Similar comment about the intersection of Foster Rd and Tillstrom , but there are fewer accidents.	Non-locals are speeding way too fast – many end up in the ditches now! Another issue: Intersection of Rust Way and OR212 . School traffic is an issue, can be dangerous at Damascus Christian School.

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Damascus		Signs blinking on Bohna Park Rd on E & W side of 222 nd to warn people to stop	Tight turns on 222 nd heading up the hill to Gresham, especially on the turns, on-coming cars cross the lane all the time. Need signs warning of tight turns. Relative had serious accident on turn. Many cross over right in the middle of the turn. Roads up on the hill are narrow. Need more signs and better marking – like the one on 242 nd off Boayes that now warns to slow down.	
Damascus	none	Signal at Sunnyside Rd and OR 212	Align Wiese Rd & Royer light at Royer	Lower speed through Damascus to 25 mph!
Damascus		Bottleneck traffic on OR212 thru Damascus at all hours	222 nd & OR212 very dangerous intersection	Foster & OR212 needs left turn only signal from Foster to OR212 eastbound. Huge bottleneck.
Damascus		Being able to get onto and off 212 between Tong Rd and 222nd	Long-term plan to deal with increased traffic on 212	
Damascus	retired	Lower speed to 25 mph thru Damascus	Align Royer & Wiese – add signal	Signal at 222 nd
Damascus	Oregon City	No current plan to expand 212 past 172nd	Lack of traffic lights at several major intersections	Future issues of traffic on Foster Road
Damascus		No shoulder – shoulder sluffing into ditch very dangerous for bikes and pedestrians	Lighting along Sunnyside Rd from 172 nd to 187th	Traffic control at Foster Rd & 172 nd (yes, I know that intersection is in Multnomah Co)
Damascus	Near Clackamas Town Center	We need bike lanes from Carver turnoff (212/224) to Boring	Traffic light needed at 212 & BelAir	Public transportation needed to & from Damascus, Extend light rail? Bus system?
Damascus	Downtown Portland	Borges Rd edge crumbling, no whitelines, potholes, ripples between Tillstrom & 222nd	Schact Rd grade has deteriorated and narrowed. Not enough gravel to provide all-weather surface. Potholes.	172 nd & Foster. Safety. Probably needs a light. Tillstrom/Foster, needs a light or dedicated turn lanes. On 212 where Sunnyside turns off needs light.
Damascus		Too many wrecks on 222 nd , 232 nd , Borges, Tillstrom and Brown Park – all narrow roads, blind areas due to vegetation	Dangerous getting on 212 from 222 nd . Needs to be right turn only.	

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		212, Sunnyside Rd, Foster intersections congestion, safety	Roads deteriorating because big freight trucks using 212 through Damascus. Can they be routed another way? Resurfacing does not help. They will be bad again in just a year or two. Wasted money!	
Damascus		Traffic volumes, specifically 212 . Need additional turn lanes		
Damascus		Where Sunnyside Rd. meets 212 – long backup during rush hours	Where Foster Rd meets 212 – a turn arrow needs to be installed for vehicles wanting to go east. This would greatly improve wait time for cars on Foster Rd. It more importantly improves safety.	Where Regner meets 212 is scary.
Damascus		Still only 1 lane in each direction from Sunnyside intersection west on 212 (literally can't get out of the driveway during morning and afternoon rush hours). Also no shoulder from Sunnyside Rd so cannot walk safely in area. Suggest future center turn lane, at the very least.	Traffic flow on 212 from Boring thru Damascus very slow due to very high volume. One two-lane section, cannot even pass garbage collection vehicles, and I've seen and participated in lengthy delays.	In a nutshell, 212 is outdated and has been since the 1990's can't handle all the traffic coming thru from Sandy, Estacada, Boring & Gresham.
Damascus		Intersection of 212 and 222nd safety – visibility, need traffic light or similar function	BiMart @ 212 end of Foster Rd, safety – exiting BiMart parking lot, also turning left from south on Foster onto 212	Sunnyside intersection @ 212 (especially left turns) congestion, safety, need light or bypass.
Damascus		242 nd – stop thru freight semis use between Gresham and 212	Blind intersection 222 nd and 212, sight clearance on entering 212	Speed on 212 says 35. However! Going west toward Foster it often doesn't slow down until the Rust Way sign. Going east it speeds up at the Rust Way sign. Also, we have complained about the freight trucks and dump trucks use of air brakes when going down 212 from the east, obviously they are going 35.

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Damascus		Trying to turn left only 212 from 222nd is dangerous. Even with the turn lane, few people know it exists or use it. The hill to the east of 222 nd makes it hard to see traffic and most approach quickly. There should be a light (on demand from 222 nd) to make a turn safe in either direction onto 212.	There is always a significant delay backup on Sunnyside Rd as it comes to 212 . There be some light to control this.	
Damascus		Sunnyside/Foster/212 intersections. Realign Sunnyside and Foster to create a single entry point (w/light) on 212.	 212 and 222nd intersection: 1) install signal light at intersection; 2) Fix uneven joining of 2 roads. Turning north onto 222nd requires you to slow down despite crossing oncoming traffic. 	Tillstrom Rd from Borges Rd to Debora Dr. needs base repair and repaving. Potholes are numerous and reoccurring in both shoulders & travel lanes.