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To: SGNA-LUTC
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Subject: PSU-Master in Urban Planning (MURP) Workshop

Several weeks ago I met with Layne Wyse, a MURP student who was a leader of a MURP workshop that helped ECOLloyd and the Go Lloyd analyze bicycle / pedestrian transportation and public space needs. I asked Layne about the feasibility of applying for a workshop project in SGNA. We have several things going for us including:
- Proximity for the students – they can get here easily.
- A diverse urban setting that is going through a lot of changes.
- A well-established community organization that is capable of providing structure, feedback, and use for workshop products.

Typically, the solicitation for workshop proposals/applications goes out in October. Proposals are due in mid November. Competition is fierce. Proposal are often submitted by city planning departments, neighborhood groups, state agencies, and private parties. But the students, usually in teams of four to six, pick the projects they want to work on.

Past project that the MURP's planning workshop student groups have undertaken include:
- Brentwood-Darlington Community Assessment and Action Plan
- Making Attractive and Active Streets in Lloyd (2017)
- I-5 Lid Placemaking Plan (2016)
- Building Portland's Green Loop (2017)
- Sauvie Island Transportation Demand Management Plan (2015)

Another potential resource, if an application is not accepted, is to try to get one student to take on part of a project as a thesis work. That has happened in the past when a student team did not select a proposal but a particular student took and interest in some aspect of the proposal.

Some topics to consider:
- Design guidelines for SGNA urban infill
- Making it easy to go car-free in SGN
- Broadway/Weidler Main Street Plan: NE 15th to NE 33rd.
- SGNA Civic Ecology Action Plan

Questions:
- Should SGNA/ LUTC make an application this year?
- What planning problem should we try to solve?
- Is someone interested in helping with this effort?