

LA 459/559
Instant City : *Block Party*



Portland Green Loop
Untitled Studio

Time Wednesday | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Hours Tuesday | 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Location Lawrence Hall, Room TBD

Credits 2

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Prerequisites LA 366 **OR** ARCH 561 **OR** IARC 571

Course Description Inspired by the *lighter - faster - better* model of tactical urbanism, city agencies have begun to sanction insurgent design hacks that adapt public space to the needs of people. The Portland Bureau of Transportation has perhaps the most comprehensive permitting process for “community centered design,” and is actively promoting it through the Portland in the Streets Program. This workshop will work with PBOT to design and prototype a suite of site furnishings that can be checked out for **block parties** - specifically in response to the needs of East Portland (AKA *the numbers*). Working entirely at the detail scale, we will explore the nuances of designing public space and the transformative potential of public furnishing.