



Bethany Creek Trail #2 Segment 3

Neighborhood Meeting #1

Bethany Presbyterian Church
15505 NW Springville Road, Portland, OR 97229
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 @ 6:00PM

Public Comment Summary

Updated 7/11/2018

Comments Received at the 6/26/18 Neighborhood Meeting

Recorded on large paper in front of room:

- Street Crossing:
 - The crossing at Springville Road is an essential part of this project.
 - Supportive of crossing location for kids walking to existing and planned schools.
 - Supportive of flashing lights.
- Trail Design:
 - Existing drainage culverts need to be fixed; poor drainage during winter rainy season makes it difficult to use the trail.
 - Provide a barrier between trail and farms to the east.
 - Consider good locations for trash receptacles and dog bag dispensers; should be readily available for trail users.
- Construction:
 - Provide signage for alternate pedestrian routes during construction; trail route is well used and people will want to access the construction site if no alternative is provided.
 - Consider maintaining access through and to the nature park during construction.
- Project Schedule:
 - Project should be completed quicker, before drainage culverts fail completely; prefer 2019 completion.
 - Consider a faster project timeline in order to complete this trail sooner.

Comment cards:

- Visual boundary – another value of the "split wood fence" is that it allows wildlife passage. Please do check with Beaverton School District regarding the property they own for a soon-to-be constructed elementary school. The Springville ped-xing could serve that population as well.

Letters:

- A CPO7 representative provided two letters dated June 2011 and February 2014; see attached.

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Comments Received After the Neighborhood Meeting by July 10, 2018

Email / Online comments:

- (6/30/18) Can the project timeline be accelerated? Could construction be in the summer of 2019 instead of 2020? This is a critical connection between neighborhoods and existing trails, and there are really not any alternatives.
- (7/9/18) I just saw on the THPRD website about the planning for the North Bethany segment of the Westside Trail: "*It will extend from THPRD's Westside Trail north to Springville Rd along the east edge of Kaiser Woods Natural Area and Kaiser Woods Park...*" Yeah!! I've been hoping for this for several years! Although I love the "rustic" & peaceful (less used) aspect of the trail, it gets so soggy during the winter & spring that it is difficult to traverse. So just showing my support for the development of the trail! I know it will also serve a lot of the school kids, as I often see them in Kaiser Woods getting to and from school (presumably Wismer and Stoller).

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June 10, 2011

Doug Menke, General Manager
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
15707 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton, OR 97006

Re: Aligning North Bethany eastside with Rock Creek and Westside Regional Trails

Dear Doug,

CPO 7 requests that THPRD acquires and develops a key connector trail along the eastern border of Washington County that is south of Springville Road and north of Rock Creek Regional Trail (RCT). This approximate 1/4 mile segment is under the BPA power lines on the western border of Multnomah County.

This connector is vital to connecting non-motorists from North Bethany (NB) with the rest of existing Bethany on the eastside, and was in early plans of the Westside Regional Trail (WT). However, it appears that the WT will run east at RCT, thereby leaving this recommended connector out of WT.

If THPRD would purchase and build out this connector trail, results would include:

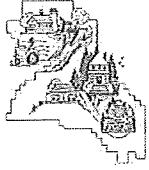
- Multi-modal connections between NB and Bethany along the east border of Washington County.
- Creates great access from NB to the regional trail system, including a direct connection to both RCT and WT.
- Students of Stoller Middle School could walk/bike from NB.
- Students of both Stoller Middle School and Jacob Wismer Elementary could walk/bike from all areas north of the RCT (the only way to drive from this area to these schools is via Kaiser Road)

Page 2 has the recommended ¼ mile strip highlighted in [green](#) and a map link.

Best Regards,

Kevin O'Donnell, CPO 7 Chair
on behalf of CPO 7 Steering Committee

cc: Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, and Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development



Washington County

Citizen Participation Organization #7 (CPO 7)
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February 26, 2014

TO: THPRD Board of Directors & Bond Oversight Committee

RE: CPO 7 requests THPRD to build a trail connecting Bethany south of Springville to northern Bethany services and neighborhoods.

A year ago, Citizen's Participation Organization #7 (CPO 7) supported the grant request for the 'North Bethany Trail' project brought forth by Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD). That grant request was not funded and construction of that trail has been suspended*.

Even though the North Bethany Trail has been put on hold, the community need for a non-motorized connection between the Rock Creek Trail and the North Bethany trail network, including a protected crossing of Springville Road, still exists. The same reasons given for support last year are still valid. Today, the reasons are even more relevant as the great build-out of northern Bethany continues, with more than 1500 homes in various stages of planning and construction. Waiting another 3-4 years is waiting too long.

This trail connection is needed in order to provide a much-needed active transportation connection between the current Rock Creek and Bethany areas to the ever-growing northern Bethany community. This trail will connect communities from the south to areas north of Springville Road, such as Portland Community College, THPRD Recreation Complex and Springville School. This will connect all of the new THPRD in-district residents of Arbor Oaks and North Bethany to the south, including safe routes to Stoller Middle School, Westview High School, and Sunset High School.

CPO 7 requests THPRD to redirect the bond funds targeted for the North Bethany Trail to another connection point off of the Rock Creek Regional Trail to the neighborhoods and services north of Springville Road. This needed trail should go north from either the Waterhouse Trail or the Westside Trail, and include a safe crossing point across Springville Road to the community trails of North Bethany.

Regards,

Lori Manthey-Waldo, CPO 7 Chair on behalf of CPO 7

* Reference:

North Bethany Trail -- Segment No. 2

<http://www.thprd.org/bondprojects/project.cfm/37/NorthBethanyTrail/>

UPDATE - NOTICE OF PROJECT SUSPENSION

This project is funded by our 2008 voter-approved bond measure, which included about \$15 million for trail development projects throughout the District. In May 2013, the Park District decided to suspend further work on this project until funding issues are resolved and design options are better understood. The district doesn't expect to resume work on this project for another three to four years.