

Discussion Items
Special GTAC / Trails Meeting of
September 12, 2001
and
August 8, 2001
Meeting Summary

Letters of Support from Affected Local Jurisdictions to
Charles Ciecko, Chair
Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee
Will be Required for all
Trail Nominations and Requests for
Changes in Designation from Greenway to Land Based Trail

1. Newell Creek Trail

(Eastside of Oregon City, adjacent to Oregon City Bypass (Hwy. 21113))

Proposal: Add new trail to Regional Trails and Greenways Map

- a. Recommended that Metro Council add trail to Regional Trails and Greenways Map.
- b. Combine with Little Beaver Creek Trail (#11) to form a loop trail around Oregon City.
- c. Name of trail could be: "Oregon City Loop Trail", or "Newell Creek / Little Beaver Creek Trail."

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

2. Willamette Narrows Greenway Trail

(westside of river from mouth of Tualatin River at West Linn's Willamette Park south to land purchased by Metro (Weber Farm) near the Canby Ferry)

Proposal: change designation from Greenway to land based trail.

- a. Recommended that Metro Council make the designation change.
- b. This will tie into future plans by Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces to provide access to lands in the Willamette Narrows area recently purchased by funds from Metro's Open Spaces Bond Measure.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

3. Willamette River to Tualatin River Trail

(Land based trail connecting the Willamette and Tualatin rivers via Wilson Creek and/or Pecan Creek. Trail starts in Lake Oswego and ends in Tualatin)

Proposal: Add new trail to Regional Trails and Greenways Map

- a. Recommended that Metro Council add trail to Regional Trails and Greenways Map.
- c. Combine with Stafford Trail (#6) to form the "River to River to River Trail" (e.g. Willamette River to Tualatin River to Willamette River)

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

4. Tualatin River Trail

(North side of the river from confluence of the Tualatin and Willamette rivers in West Linn, west to Power Line Trail in Tigard)

Proposal: Change designation from greenway to land based trail

- a. Recommended that Metro Council make the designation change.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

5. Scouter Mountain Trail Extension

(adjacent to Happy Valley, south of Springwater Corridor)

Proposal: Connect Scouter Mountain Trail (currently on master plan) to proposed East Buttes Loop Trail

- a. Recommended adding this trail to the Regional Trails and Greenspaces Map. But approved conceptually, noting that a future trail feasibility study will determine if this connection is necessary, since the proposed East Buttes Loop Trail and the proposed East Buttes Power Line Trail are adjacent to this trail.
- b. Are there too many trails adjacent to each other in this area?
- c. Is this trail regionally significant or a local trail connection?

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

6. Stafford Trail

Proposal: Add land based trail connecting the Tualatin River in Lake Oswego south to Willamette River

- a. Recommended that Metro Council add the trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map
- b. Combine with Trail #3 to form the "River to River to River Trail" (Willamette River to Tualatin River to Willamette River)

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

7. Surf to Turf Trail: Rail with Trail

Proposal: Add a new trail adjacent to the existing Portland and Western short-line railroad tracks (trains are active in this corridor) from downtown Lake Oswego west to the Metro boundary (nr. Forest Grove) and ultimately to the Pacific Ocean (following the Tillamook RR Branch). This would be a regional trail and also an Inter-Regional Trail.

- a. Metro Parks and Greenspaces staff has determined that this corridor is the northern route (#19) and not the southern route previously mapped (#7)
- b. Delete the southern trail route (#7) and show only the northern trail route (#19)
- c. The Portland and Western Railroad Co. and local jurisdictions need to be contacted about this proposal

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

8. Willamette River Greenway (westside of river)

Proposal: Change designation from greenway to land based trail in Lake Oswego south through the city of West Linn to the mouth of the Tualatin River

- a. Recommended that Metro Council make the designation change

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

9. Willamette River Greenway Extension (eastside of river)

Proposal: Extend the greenway to Canby.

- a. Deleted from list of trail nominations. This is outside of the Metro boundary. No local jurisdiction has requested Metro to act on this. Trust for Public Land (TPL) originally nominated this trail, but has not followed up with GTAC regarding its nomination.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

10. Phillips Creek Greenway

(trail loop around Clackamas Town Center connecting to I-205 Bike/Ped Trail and Nor6th Clackamas Greenway, following Phillips Creek)

Proposal: Add new trail to the Greenspaces Trails and Greenways Map.

- a. Is the trail of regional significance or a local connector? Is it too close to other trails already on the regional map trails and greenways map?
- b. The trail would be supportive of the 2040 Growth Concept and providing an alternative transportation opportunity in a designated regional center.
- c. This trail is similar to the Washington Square Regional Center Loop Trail

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

11. Little Beaver Creek Trail

(south side of Oregon City)

Proposal: add a new trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map

- a. Recommended that Metro Council add the trail to the regional trails and greenways map.
- b. Combine with Newell Creek Trail (#1) to form a loop trail around Oregon City.
- c. Should the trail be renamed? (e.g. Oregon City Loop Trail or Newell Creek/Little Beaver Creek Trail or just become an extension of the Newell Creek Trail)

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

12. Columbia River Trail Extension / 40-Mile Loop

(north of Blue Lake Park on a levee eastbound to mouth of Sandy River)

Proposal: add a new land based trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map which would provide a direct connection from the 40-Mile Loop on Marine Dr. / Columbia River to the Beaver Creek Canyon Trail in Troutdale.

- a. Recommended that Metro Council add the trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways map
- b. Would there be too many trail routes in the immediate vicinity which connect to Troutdale?
- c. Metro Parks and Greenspaces staff will contact Troutdale parks staff and 40-Mile Loop Land Trust board members to discuss this trail and the two routes south of the proposed levee trail.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

13. Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail

(Hillsdale Town Center in southwest Portland south to downtown Lake Oswego with a connection to the Willamette River Greenway Trail)

Proposal: Add a new trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map. The trail would be a soft surface trail as it traverses natural areas and Tryon Creek State Park. Street connections could be hard surface (e.g. wide sidewalks, asphalt path).

- a. Is this trail too similar to the adjacent Terwillger Blvd. Trail?
- b. Is this trail of regional significance?
- c. How would the trail impact the natural areas and Tryon Creek State Park it would go through?

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

14. East Buttes Power Line Corridor Trail

(north to south from Springwater Corridor / near Gresham – Fairview Trail to Clackamas River Greenway)

Proposal: Add a new land based trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map. The corridor is generally 75 feet in width.

- a. This would be a major north to south trail connecting the East Buttes and the Springwater Corridor to the Clackamas River Greenway.
- b. This regionally significant trail and a system of local trails would serve the future urban area (Pleasant Valley).
- c. Recommended that Metro Council add this trail to the Regional Trails and Greenspaces Map. But approved conceptually, noting that a future trail feasibility study will determine if the Scouter Mt. Trail Extension (#5) is also needed.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

15. Beaver Creek Canyon Trail

(trail on eastside of Troutdale)

Proposal: Change designation from greenway to land based trail within city of Troutdale. Outside city limits, greenway designation remains.

Note that the greenway goes to Oxbow Regional Park on the Regional Trails and Greenways Map. It stop shorts on the map with the nominated trails.

- a. Recommended that the Metro Council approve the designation change.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

16. Fanno Creek Greenway Trail

(Willamette Park in John's Landing west and south, where Fanno Creek flows into the Tualatin River)

Proposal: Change designation from greenway to land based trail.

- a. A land-based trail is planned for the corridor.
- b. A multi-use asphalt trail already exists in nearly one-half of the corridor.
- c. Recommended that the Metro Council make the designation change.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

17. Council Creek Trail: Westside MAX to Banks

(end of MAX line in Hillsboro west to Banks via Cornelius, Forest Grove and unincorporated Washington Co., with an additional short trail extension south to the Tualatin River)

Proposal: Add new trail to Regional Greenspaces Trails and Greenways Map

- a. Land based trail (type of trail surface to be determined).
- b. Coordination needed with local jurisdictions.
- c. Is this trail of regional significance?

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

18. Washington Square Regional Center Loop Trail

(eastside of Hwy 217 at Washington Square)

Proposal: Add a new trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map

- a. Is this trail of regional significance or is it a local connector?
- b. Is it too close to the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, which is already on the regional plan?
- c. The trail would support the 2040 Growth Concept and provide an alternative transportation opportunity in a designated regional center.
- d. The local master plan for the regional center recommends this trail
- e. This trail may be similar to the concept of the Phillips Greenway Trail (#10) which would encircle Clackamas Town Center.

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

19. Westside Commuter Line: Rail with Trail

(trail would be next to an existing railroad line from Wilsonville north through Tualatin, Tigard, Durham, Beaverton and unincorporated Washington Co.)

Proposal: Add a new trail to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map from Wilsonville north to Beaverton, then heading west all the way to Forest Grove. The route overlaps with the proposed "Surf to Turf" Trail (#7) west of Lake Oswego to Forest Grove.

This would be a rail with trail. A fence would likely be needed to separate the two.

- a. Would a trail be compatible next to freight and commuter trains? Safety is a major issue.
- b. Is the corridor wide enough to accommodate a trail?
- c. Local jurisdictions and partners still need to be contacted.
- d. Would the special funding for the commuter rail (service and track improvements) from the state legislature and federal government be jeopardized by a trail?
- e. The Portland and Western Railroad Co. needs to be contacted.
- f. Current planning for the commuter train does not include a trail.
- g. Other rail trail corridors have been successful around the country, even those with high-speed commuter and Amtrak trains.

FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED

Trails previously recommended by GTAC to be added to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map:

- 20. North Willamette River Greenway Trail**
(Steel Bridge to St. Johns Bridge along the eastbank of the river)
- 21. Willamette Shoreline Trolley: Rail with Trail**
(Riverplace in downtown Portland to downtown Lake Oswego)
- 22. Sullivan's Gulch / I-84 Trail**
(Eastbank Esplanade / Willamette River east to I-205 Bike/Ped Trail)
- 23. East Buttes Loop Trail**
(area just south of Springwater Corridor from Powell Butte east)

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED (#20-23)