

METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES
Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes:

Quarterly Trails Meeting
October 11, 2000
1 to 3 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, rm. 370

Grant applications coming soon

Sean Loughran from Oregon Parks and Recreation announced that grant applications for the recreational trails program will be available in November on the State parks web site at www.prd.state.or.us. Deadline for applications is in February and awards will be made in June. Sean can be reached at (503) 378-4168, ext. 246.

Alta Consulting studies "Rails with Trails"

Mia Birk from Alta Consulting gave a presentation about the status of their "Rails with Trails" study. Alta has been contracted by the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish best practices for planning, design and operation of trails along active railroad rights-of-way. Some key issues include safety, security, liability, fencing and minimum required setbacks. Their international study includes extensive field research of numerous case studies, before-and-after studies, analysis of crash statistics and review of existing facilities. Their recommendations will include a procedure by which public agencies could evaluate railroad corridors with railroad assistance to determine the feasibility of installing a trail prior to actually committing public moneys to construction. A draft study will be available on their web site this fall (www.altaplanning.com), and they hope to complete the "best practices" portion of the project by fall 2001. To get on an update list and be notified when the draft study is posted, send an email to miab@europa.com

Update on regional trail projects

Mel Huie from Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces gave a short update on several trail projects including the Peninsula Crossing Trail, the Palmsblad to Rugg Road portion of the Springwater Trail, the OMSI to Springwater Trail, the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, and the Rugg Road to Estacada corridor. For more information, contact Mel at 503-797-1731 or huiem@metro.dst.or.us.

Proposed Regional Trails and Greenways Criteria

GTAC reviewed the draft criteria for including trails in the regional system. No comments or proposed changes have been received in regard to the criteria. Please send any comments to Mel Huie at 503-797-1731 or huiem@metro.dst.or.us. A final decision on these criteria will be made by GTAC at the January quarterly trails meeting.

Proposed Additions to the Regional Trails and Greenways System

Mel Huie again reviewed the proposed additions to the regional trail and greenway system. They are the Willamette Greenway, I-84, East Buttes and Willamette Shoreline trails.

New Additions Proposed to Regional Trails and Greenways System

In the regional system map workshops around the region, there have been some new proposals for regional trails. Mel Huie will present that information at the November GTAC meeting. These proposed additions will continue to be refined and discussed in detail at the January GTAC/quarterly trails meeting.

The next GTAC meeting is **Wednesday, November 8** from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 370 at Metro Regional Center. The next quarterly trails meeting will be in January.
