

METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES
Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES:

*GTAC/Quarterly Trails Meeting
March 8, 2000
1 to 3 p.m.
Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center*

Regional Framework Plan Implementation: Public Involvement Report

Heather Nelson Kent presented information about the public involvement work being done for the Greenspaces Protection Plan. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces and Growth Management Services co-hosted 5 open houses around the region in February to talk about the Greenspaces Protection Plan and Goal 5. The open houses were attended by 350 people whose comments and feedback will help refine "regional significance" along with the technical work that the GTAC subcommittee is doing. The data from questionnaires filled out at the open houses will be analyzed and reported by the end of March.

Level of Service Standards Report

Steve Bosak presented the latest draft of the Level of Service Standards Report for approval. GTAC representatives voted to approve the report with a couple of minor changes (adding City of Lake Oswego to the list of jurisdictions that had been surveyed for the report, and replacing the recommended distance in the proximity section with language that is consistent with the report's expectation of locally determined standards). The report will be submitted to the MPAC parks subcommittee for their consideration.

Regional Trails Plan and the Regional Trail Map

Mel Huie introduced the possibility of adding some trails projects to the Regional Trails Plan. Projects to consider are: East Buttes Loop Trail, North Portland Willamette River Greenway Trail, Banfield Corridor Pedestrian and Bikeway Trail, Willamette River Shoreline, and Northwest Natural Pipeline. Mel also reported on the progress or status of the following trail projects: Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Corridor, trail opportunities adjacent to Westside Max, Fanno Greenway Trail feasibility study, Rail with Trail Opportunities Study, and the OMSI to Springwater Trail. It was decided that before any additions are made to the Regional Trails Plan, criteria need to be established and the implications need to be made clearer. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Quarterly Trails meeting in June.

Willamette River Shoreline Trail

Sharon Kelly of Metro Transportation presented information about the Willamette Shoreline right-of-way, purchased from the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1988 to preserve it for future passenger rail service. The line is nearly 7 miles in length (from Lake Oswego to RiverPlace). A conceptual plan has been developed to explore the

potential for development of a bicycle/pedestrian pathway in conjunction with the existing and future rail use. A feasibility study for a "Rails with Trail" needs to be funded. For more information, contact Sharon at 797-1753.

Banfield Corridor Pedestrian and Bikeway Trail

Morgan Will, a citizen, presented the work he has done to explore the possibility of a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Banfield Corridor from the Willamette River to I-205. The trail would connect with the Eastbank Esplanade, the Willamette River Greenway and the I-205 Trail. For more information, call Morgan at 249-8496 or Mel Huie at 797-1731.

Natural Gas Pipeline

Carla Kelly, Warren Harris and Charlie Stinson from Northwest Natural presented information about the proposed alignment for their new natural gas pipeline and talked about exploring the opportunities for possible compatible trail segments. A work group made up of interested people from GTAC, staff from Metro and staff from Northwest Natural will discuss the possibilities in more detail. Call Heather Nelson Kent at 797-1739 for more information or to get involved.

RTP and TEA Update

Bill Barber of Metro's Transportation Department, gave a brief update on the Regional Transportation Plan and the schedule and process for state and federal funds administered by Metro for trail projects. For more information, please call Bill at 797-1758.