



Mt. Scott/Scouter Mt. Trail Loop Master Plan Fact Sheet

Open House #2: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Valley City Hall, Council Chambers, 16000 SE Misty Dr. (north of SE Sunnyside Rd./behind the shopping mall)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Development of a trail master plan which would loop around Mt. Scott and Scouter Mt. in the Happy Valley and Portland area. The proposed regional trail alignments total about 34 miles (of which five miles have been built) and would connect the Springwater Corridor, and Powell Butte in the north to Mt. Talbert and the Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway in the south. The trail would serve transportation, commuter and recreational needs. The trail could also serve as a part of the area's "Safe Routes to Schools" programs.
2. The trail would be for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Equestrian use is allowed on the Springwater Corridor. Natural areas along proposed trail alignments would be best suited for pedestrians. Bike routes most likely will be separated from natural areas and nature parks (or allowed on boardwalks, if compatible with the natural area). If separated, they would be built as safe and comfortable facilities along nearby streets.
3. Interpretation of the local area's rich history could also be highlighted along the trail. Way finding signs would also be installed.
4. The proposed trail would also connect the Clackamas Regional Center to the Happy Valley Town Center, I-205 Bike Lanes, Clackamas MAX Line, local schools, libraries, businesses and shopping areas, and the future Sunrise Corridor bike lanes. The trail would promote tourism, economic development and better health.
5. Small sections of the trail already exist in Happy Valley, Portland (e.g., Springwater Corridor) and nature trails on Mt. Talbert.
6. The Mt. Scott/Scouter Mt. Trail Loop is listed in local and regional plans. It has been designated as a regional trail since 1992 by Metro, with the support of local jurisdictions and citizens.

7. Voter approved bond funding in 1995 and 2006 from Metro's Natural Areas Program and NCPRD's "local share" of the regional funding has helped secure land for and build nature parks along the proposed trail route.
8. Funding from NCPRD and Happy Valley has also helped develop existing trails and nature parks, soccer and recreational/baseball fields which would be interconnected by the future Mt. Scott/Scouter Mt. Trail.

PROJECT SPONSORS

- City of Happy Valley
- City of Portland
- North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD)
- Clackamas County
- Metro
- Key Stakeholders: Lincoln Memorial Park, Water Environment Services (WES) of Clackamas County, North Clackamas School District, David Douglas School District, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and Crime Prevention groups, Neighborhood Associations, Community Organizations, Trail User Groups, parks advisory boards, etc.

THE OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the project; review maps of potential trail alignments; share your opinions with the project advisory committee, staff, park board members and elected officials.

TIME-LINE AND FUTURE REVIEW

- Information on the trail plan is be posted on the Metro, NCPRD, Happy Valley and Portland Parks and Recreation web sites. Plans will also be distributed to local libraries near the proposed trail alignments in summer 2013.
- The master plan is scheduled to be completed June 30, 2013. It will be reviewed by local parks and trails advisory boards, planning commissions, and city councils, Clackamas County Commission and Metro Council.
- Input from citizens, neighbors, businesses, and property owners will be solicited during and after the master planning process.

TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION

- There currently is no source of funding to purchase trail easements or Right-of-Way (ROW), design or build the trail.
- Discussions will occur about which public agencies would own and maintain certain sections of the trail.
- Developers may donate easements for sections of the trail or help build them.
- The trail will be developed over the years in small sections as easements and funding are secured.
- Local parks/trails advisory boards, planning commissions, and the local governing board where the trail would be located will be involved in the implementation phases.
- Citizens, businesses and adjacent property owners will also have input in trail design and development.
- Some sections of the trail will be located in existing parks and public rights-of-way (e.g., streets, and utility easements). Planning will be coordinated with these public agencies.
- The trail is a long-term project and will be completed over 5-20 years.

WILLING SELLER PROGRAM

Any land or easements acquired solely for trail use by Metro would be from willing sellers.

QUESTIONS?

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