

Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.
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Meeting: Tryon Creek Cove Trail Master Plan: Project Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1
Date: May 10, 2018
Time: 2 to 4 p.m.
Place: Room 401, Metro, 600 NE Grand, Portland
Purpose: Start planning process on the trails master plan
Outcome(s): Review draft report on existing conditions/review public engagement plan/select dates for public open house no. 1 and PAC meeting no. 2

2 p.m.	Welcome and introductions	All
2:10 p.m.	Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members and purpose	Mel
2:20 p.m.	Project planning process and schedule	John Cullerton
2:30 p.m.	Existing conditions presentation and discussion	John Cullerton
2:50 p.m.	Work session re: trail alignment/bridge location/ Hwy 43 crossing	Parametrix
3:25 p.m.	Public engagement work plan	JLA
3:40 p.m.	Questions from the committee	All
3:50 p.m.	Wrap up/next steps/scheduling	All
4 p.m.	Adjourn	

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Meeting minutes



Tryon Creek Cove Trail Connection Plan: Project Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 1

May 10, 2018

Committee members in attendance

- Ivan Anderholm* City of Lake Oswego
- Seth Brumley* Oregon Department of Transportation
- Karen Buehrig* Clackamas County Transportation Planning
- Jeff Gudman* Lake Oswego City Council
- Patty Freeman* The Street Trust
- Mel Huie* Metro, Parks and Nature
- Jeff Merrill* Metro, Parks and Nature
- Charles "Skip" Ormsby* Birdshill Neighborhood Association
- Bruce Powers* City of Lake Oswego
- Terri Preeg Riggsby* Tryon Creek Watershed Council
- Robert Pyle* City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services
- Guy Rodrigue* Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- Amin Wahab* City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services

Others in attendance

- John Cullerton Parametrix
- Mike Pyszka Parametrix
- Shyla Spicer Portland All Nations Canoe Family
- Celeste "Cece" Whitewolf Portland All Nations Canoe Family
- Bonnie Hirshberger City of Lake Oswego
- Jeanne Lawson JLA Public Involvement
- Margie Ormsby Birdshill Neighborhood Association
- Ann Toledo Metro, Parks and Nature

Committee members not in attendance

- Joe Recker* TriMet/Willamette Shoreline Consortium
- Jamie Snook* Metro, Planning
- Craig Stephens* Old Town Neighborhood Association

*Denotes voting Tryon Creek Cove Trail Connection Plan Project Advisory Committee member.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ivan Anderholm and Mel Huie welcomed the committee and the public who came to the first project advisory committee meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

Ivan Anderholm gave a brief overview of the project, discussed the multijurisdictional nature of the site and the importance of having different agencies and organizations present for the master planning process.

Mel Huie introduced the master plan project notebook that was distributed to all of the committee members. The notebook includes four maps (built conditions, natural conditions, tax lots and vicinity), agenda, Project Advisory Committee participation guidelines, and the master plan process timeline.

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEMBERS AND PURPOSE

Jeanne Lawson, filling in for the project's public engagement consultant Sylvia Ciborowski, reviewed the PAC participation guidelines document and explained the expectations of the PAC. The PAC is a joint community and technical advisory committee. The PAC will provide input on various aspects of the trail project, as well as advise on and help promote the broader public outreach activities. Members are expected to:

- Attend all PAC meeting (4 meetings anticipated).
 - Alternates: PAC members may designate a single alternate to attend meetings on their behalf when necessary. Designated members may be present at meetings, but shall voice any comments through their representative.
- Attend public open houses (2 or 3 anticipated).
- Share public outreach opportunities with their networks and encourage participation.
- Keep elected officials and other staff informed of the project progress.

PROJECT PLANNING PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Mel Huie went through the timeline for the master plan process. The timeline is as follows:

- Winter 2018 – Kick-off meeting and site visit for PAC (3/22/18)
- Spring 2018 – PAC meeting #1 (5/10/18)
- Summer 2018 – Open house #1
- Summer 2018 – PAC meeting #2
- Fall 2018 – Open house #2
- Fall 2018 – PAC meeting #3
- Winter 2019 – PAC meeting #4
- Spring 2019 – Master Plan completion
 - Public review
 - Lake Oswego City Council approval
 - Portland City Council approval
 - Metro Council approval

Mel Huie discussed potential funding measures for the trail.

EXISTING CONDITIONS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

John Cullerton from Parametrix presented highlights of existing conditions with a PowerPoint slideshow. *Presentation on file.*

Vicinity Map

This map shows the relationship of the study site to the rest of the area.

Tax Lots Map

This map shows the Tryon Creek Cove study area with a breakdown of the different owners. The site is 11.8 acres and is located in the City of Lake Oswego and also in unincorporated Clackamas County. Eight acres are under public ownership and 3.8 acres are Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Tryon Creek flows under OR 43 and Union Pacific Railroad in a culvert. Residences are to the north and east of study area. City of Portland Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and Foothills Park are to the south.

Natural Resources Conditions Map

There is Tryon Creek and Willamette River frontage in the study area. Stability issues exist along the Southbank of Tryon Creek where there are steep (25%+) slopes. The site is largely within the 100-year floodplain, except for the west side (Union Pacific Railroad berm). It contains a mix of grass fields and tree cover, invasive plant species, wetlands along stream channel. There is also potential environment for *Delphinium leucophaeum* (white rock larkspur) which is an endangered species of larkspur endemic to the Willamette Valley. This species is also federally listed as a Species of Concern. Jeff Merrill, the Metro scientist assigned to the site, will be working on the Site Conservation Plan which will identify if this endangered plant exists within the study area.

Built Conditions Map

The zoning along the north bank of Tryon Creek is parks and open spaces, and the north periphery is zoned residential. To the south of Tryon Creek, the zoning is commercial and industrial. There is a Tryon Cove Building on the site that is owned by the City of Lake Oswego and operated by Alder Creek Kayak with a concessionaire agreement. There are no large scale utilities present except for aboveground wastewater collection mains leading to the wastewater plant.

Transportation Facilities

Currently there is vehicle access to the site via OR 43 and Stampher Road, but no controlled access across the highway. Stampher Road is narrow, steep, has a tight turn radius and limited visibility. The turn is so narrow that fire trucks cannot use it. There are two sets of parallel railroad tracks owned by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the Willamette Shore Line Consortium. UPRR operates freight trains on their tracks and the Willamette Shore Trolley provides seasonal excursion trips on the Consortium tracks. Two pedestrian/bicyclist facilities exist nearby: Foothills Park Trail (part of Willamette River Greenway Trail System) and Terwilliger Trail (connection to Tryon Creek State Natural Area).

Celeste Whitewolf from the All Nations Canoe Family mentioned that she would like the turning radius of Stampher Road improved because their canoe does not fit. Committee members mentioned that the scope of the project is to get pedestrians and bicycles across OR 43, not to improve Stampher Road. Mel Huie said that the long-term vision is that a lot of those facilities will be in Foothills Park.

When asked about the City of Lake Oswego's master plan for this site, Ivan Anderholm mentioned that the City has done some work on one, but it hasn't been adopted. He said that the purpose of this project is not to develop a master plan for the site, but to develop a master plan for the trail that will go through the site.

Identifying Alternatives

In a 2006 OBEC Engineers, Inc. trail bridge study, three alternatives for a pedestrian/bicyclist bridge crossing were identified. These are the alternatives that are to be analyzed during the planning process. The alternatives include:

- East (near mouth of Tryon Creek and Willamette River).
 - This was the preferred alternative in the study.
- Middle (traveling through BES property).
- West (connects to the "curlicue trail" on the west side of OR 43 and crosses Tryon Creek above the OR 43 culvert).

OR 43 Crossing Alternatives

- Below grade crossing in conjunction with culvert replacement.
- Above grade with new structure (e.g. pedestrian/bicyclist bridge)
- At grade.
 - This would require a new full signal at intersection of OR 43 and Terwilliger and/or a new pedestrian/bicyclist activated crossing between E and D Avenues.

WORK SESSION REGARDING TRAIL ALIGNMENT, BRIDGE LOCATION AND HWY 43 CROSSING

Jeanne Lawson broke the participants into three groups, each group was provided with a large roll map of the study area. They were to identify opportunities and constraints regarding the crossing of the creek and the crossing of OR 43. The project team will be taking the information received from these work sessions and will bring back alternatives to the committee.

Mike Pyszka shared that his work group acknowledges that this is a tough area to work with because there are a lot of constraints. The group prefers the east crossing near the mouth of Tryon Creek. C Street is outside of our study area, but the OR 43 crossing could work well there.

John Cullerton shared that his group also preferred the east crossing of Tryon Creek. They spent a lot of time talking about this crossing, the planned culvert, and the potential for an OR 43 under crossing for bicycles and pedestrians. This undercrossing would be built into the new culvert. The group acknowledged that there could be safety concerns with a pedestrian/bicyclist under crossing.

Jeanne Lawson shared that in her group, the undercrossing idea was a major topic of discussion. It would be ideal if the undercrossing could be constructed during the same time as the culvert replacement.

ODOT mentioned the idea of Stampher Road becoming a pedestrian/bicyclist road and creating a new access to the neighborhood under the UPRR berm that could connect Stampher Road with Fielding Road and provide access from OR 43 to the site at the existing signal at Briarwood Road. Bureau of Environmental Services noted that the wastewater treatment plant expansion plan includes using soil from the Tryon Cove Park site and replacing and mitigating that disturbance. Construction issues that will be happening within the next couple years at the site.

Next Steps

- All of these ideas are going to go to the project team.
- Alternatives will be presented at PAC team meeting no. 2.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORK PLAN

Metro is executing the trail plan engagement and will start by sending a mailing to the neighborhood this spring to let people know about the project. Metro can also schedule engagements with neighborhood and community groups as requested. There will be three waves of engagement, each tied to this committee's work plan:

- Open house and online survey in late June or the first half of July, to get initial input on what people would like to see from the project.
- Second open house and survey early this fall, seeking community input on alternatives that have been developed under the guidance of the PAC.
- An online push and possible event next winter, once a draft plan has been developed.

Next Steps

- Schedule the first open house very soon.
- Reach out to the committee to hear about any conflicts members foresee having in late June through mid-July.
- Metro to obtain a list of community stakeholders from Amin Wahab, Bureau of Environmental Services and Bonnie Hirshberger, City of Lake Oswego.

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING AND WRAP-UP

- Metro will set the date for the next PAC meeting and for the first open house.
- The project team will be taking the ideas generated from the work groups and will present alternatives at the next meeting.
- PAC meeting #2 be in late July, after the first open house. An announcement will go out to the committee with the date has been set.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting summary by Ann Toledo, Metro Parks and Nature.

Questions or need more information? Contact Mel Huie, Metro Parks and Nature at mel.huie@oregonmetro.gov.