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Tryon Creek Cove trail Project Advisory Committee

RE: Tryon Creek Cove trail master plan

Dear Project Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your time and commitment in helping Metro, Lake Oswego, Portland and Oregon Department of Transportation develop the Tryon Creek Cove trail master plan and recommendations on how the plan could be implemented.

Key points from the master plan:

- The planning process began in May 2018 and was completed in December 2018.
- Four PAC committee meetings were held in May, July, October and December 2018.
- Two public open houses were held in July and October 2018.
- Two online surveys were posted following the open houses. A total of 525 community members provided input and comments; the overwhelming majority supported the trail concept.
- This new section of Tryon Creek Cove trail would connect Foothills Park in Lake Oswego to Oregon State Parks' Tryon Creek State Natural Area, Terwilliger Regional Trail to Portland, and the Willamette River Greenway to West Linn.
- The site is 11.8 acres in size (see map located in the plan) and is entirely in public ownership: Lake Oswego, Metro and Portland. It is an undeveloped natural area and not officially open to public access; except for a canoe/kayak rental shop which runs seasonally. Adjacent to the site is a Tryon Cove Park which is owned by Lake Oswego. This small pocket park has a dock which provides access to the Willamette River.
- Portland Bureau of Environmental Services owns and maintains its sewage treatment plant on the south side of Tryon Creek.
- Discussions continue with the city of Lake Oswego as to ownership and maintenance of the trail, and trail bridge over the creek.
- Funding sources could come from System Development Charges, a Lake Oswego Parks Bond (to be voted on in May 2019) and a potential Metro regional parks, trails and natural areas bond measure vote in November 2019 which has yet to be referred to the voters at this time. The potential Metro bond measure has yet to be referred to the voters. No funding decisions or commitments have been made for any of these funding sources at this time.



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Recommendations of the Project Advisory Committee

- The plan looked at and studied an at-grade crossing of Hwy. 43 with an activated signal and a new culvert/tunnel under Hwy. 43 for pedestrian and cycle use (parallel to the proposed fish culvert).
- Federal funding for a replacement culvert only for fish passage has yet to be approved. The governmental agencies involved in the culvert replacement project do not approve of a new combined culvert for fish, wildlife and people.
- At this time, the recommendation is to not cross Hwy. 43 with the trail due to approval by Oregon Department of Transportation and Union Pacific Railroad, potential right-of-way acquisition needs, complexity of permits, the need to widen the highway on the north side of Terwilliger Blvd., and high costs (\$8-\$13 million). Additional analysis of the Hwy. 43 crossings will need to be conducted; as well as the trail going under the railroad right-of-way.
- The committee recommended a phase approach for trail design and build be taken. This would consist of staying in Tryon Cove Park, building a soft surface trail and a trail bridge to connect to Foothills Park. In addition, trail users could walk/cycle to the pocket park and connect to a water trail via the existing dock on the Willamette River
- Estimated cost (in 2018 dollars) of the phased approach:
 - Preliminary engineering and construction of a prefabricated steel trail bridge over the creek (12'-14' wide and 220' long): \$1.35 million.
 - Soft surface trails (3'-4' wide) in the cove: \$113,000.
 - Note: a multi-use asphalt path would be built in the cove if and when the trail crosses Hwy. 43 in the future.

Please see the master plan for detailed descriptions of the alternatives. An Executive Summary is available at the beginning of the document. The master plan documents are available on Metro's FTP site for 2 weeks. Please access them using this link:
<ftp://ftp.oregonmetro.gov/pub/parks/TryonCreekCove>.

If you have any questions, contact myself (mel.huie@oregonmetro.gov) or Ivan Anderholm (ianderholm@ci.oswego.or.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mel".

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Enclosure: Recommended trail route

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