



# **Summary of engagement with Black, Indigenous, and people of color**

**Walking and biking trails**

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# SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT WITH BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS

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## Audience overview

Metro staff engaged Black, Indigenous, and People of color (BIPOC) across the Portland metro region to learn more about their values and priorities for future trail investments through the 2019 Parks and nature bond measure. The refinement approach to the walking and biking trails program was segmented in two different rounds of community engagement. Metro engaged BIPOC communities in the first round to ensure that representation was high and that participants could provide honest and meaningful feedback. There were a total of 108 attendees at these meetings.

## Engagement goals

The main objectives of the first round of engagement included:

- Collect qualitative information that can be used along with the trail prioritization tool and across bond programs
- Clarify what data the prioritization tool will use for nature, water bodies, and destinations
- Poll participants on which evaluation factors are most important
- Confirm direction and collect feedback on possible gaps in current evaluation factors

## Engagement format

Metro staff held two community meetings via Zoom; each meeting was two hours long and both included Spanish interpretation, as requested by several community members. Each meeting included a presentation that covered general bond information, a trails program overview, a recap of the engagement so far, an overview of the prioritization tool, the purpose of this engagement, and a Q&A. After the presentation, Metro staff facilitated small group discussions where participants were invited to use Google Jam Board as the main tool for participation in addition to their mics and the chat feature. After 15 minutes of the small group discussions, participants reconvened and shared highlights from their small groups. Before each event ended participants were asked to complete an anonymous survey, provided in English and Spanish, which asked questions around the prioritization tool as well as an event evaluation and demographic form.

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## Attendance summary

There were a total of 108 attendees at these meetings. Of those attendees, 15 requested and used Spanish interpretation services. 53 attendees completed the evaluation survey and 48 answered some of the demographic questions provided at the end of the meetings (see Appendix 4 for demographic information).

## Small group summary

Each Jam Board included four sheets and each had a different prompt. The prompts were as follows:

1. What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?
2. What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?
3. What comments or questions do you have about this process?
4. Is there anything else you'd like to share?

Although Google Jam Board was presented as the primary tool for participants to respond to these prompts, facilitators encouraged and welcomed the use of mics and the chat feature and for participants to share their perspectives beyond the four prompts. The purpose for this was to create multiple ways that participants could choose to contribute, and to provide a starting point for the discussions. The Jam boards are attached for reference (see Appendix 5) [note: on meeting 1, two different small groups used the same Jam Board, titled Group 1.A].

## Discussion overview

The discussions in both the small and large groups went beyond the four prompts. The discussion summary is organized by themes that emerged through the discussion and not by the prompts. These themes highlight goals, opportunities, and priorities beyond the prompts and will be more applicable to future trail investments beyond the bond trails program. Our goal is that these findings can have a larger impact on future trail projects and a greater benefit to Black, Indigenous, and people of color across the region.

The following subsections are summaries of the overarching themes of the discussions.

### **Prioritize creating safe and welcoming spaces for Black, Indigenous, and people of color.**

Participants expressed a great deal of concern around physical safety when visiting trails or other natural spaces. The need for safer spaces was expressed as a result of racialized fear perpetuated by white people and law enforcement.

Many expressed fear around being harassed or attacked by white people using the natural areas simply for the color of their skin. One participant said, “How can Metro let white people know that these trails are for everybody?” Another shared “We feel the need to carry protection in case we are attacked because of our race.” This fear stemmed from past experiences as well as the increase of documented hate crimes across the country. One participant expressed, “Safety is also important, especially during this time where we see a growth in Asian hate.”

Additionally, some comments identified the additional layer of fear that women and femmes of color experience when using these spaces alone. Responding to prompt 1, one participant commented, “Safety especially for women or female presenting individuals.”

Participants identified that making places safer did not mean increasing security or policing. “I am weary of the idea of adding more policing to these trails. That does not make me feel safe as a Brown person. I go on trails to get away from the idea of being profiled by armed law enforcement.”

Though there is not one solution given that safety is different for everyone across identities and lived experiences, a few participants shared feasible alternatives that park providers could implement that would move them in the right direction. Some solutions that were suggested emphasized design, programming, and marketing. Ideas around design included better lighting, more and better signage, easier access to parking, and safety buttons. One participant shared, “are there things like call buttons along the way?” Others suggested including signs in multiple languages, incorporating art that reflects the experiences of BIPOC and naming sites after BIPOC.

Suggestions around programming and marketing included increasing representation in marketing materials as a strategy to increase the number of BIPOC visiting these natural areas. “...there needs to be representation in marketing and media to normalize BIPOC and minority communities in the outdoors.” Diversifying the outdoors was emphasized as a critical step to address some of these safety concerns. “Exclusively white spaces, even if they are circumstantial, make me feel less welcome and more vulnerable.” Another participant shared, “Are there BIPOC users at these parks? If so, then I will usually feel more safe.”

### **Projects need to honor Indigenous people, land, history, culture and traditions.**

These sessions were designed specifically for BIPOC, and participants emphasized the need to specifically engage with Indigenous communities in projects that impact the land and natural resources.

Participants shared the importance of naming and signs that honor Indigenous names and connection to the land and that recognize historical narrative of different areas. One participant recommended including “Interpretive signage that goes beyond land acknowledgements and clearly states that this is STOLEN land.” Another recommended including signs that share “indigenous cultural knowledge of the land and trails people are hiking.”

Beyond signs, folks brought up creating more space for Indigenous ceremonies, first foods and growing native plants. The protection of these cultural resources was a clear priority for many. Participants expressed concern around the harm that building new trails projects can have on land that may be culturally significant to Indigenous communities.

In response to what else should be considered in future trail projects, one participant shared, “Proximity to nature areas that are, in particular, thriving with indigenous plants. Ensuring that such areas are set aside would be great. Our community is hearing about a camas field in Eugene being paved over and it would be a shame for this to happen to local areas and local resources.” In response to the same prompt, another participant suggested to consider “Important Indigenous historical or cultural sites that need protection by not putting a trail in [it].”

### **Investments should focus on communities who do not have immediate access to trails or other natural spaces.**

Amplifying what Metro staff have heard through previous community engagement, participants said Metro needs to create trails and natural areas where they do not currently exist: neighborhoods that are predominantly BIPOC and low-income.

Participants expressed concern that many of the communities living in East Portland do not have the option to use trails to safely commute. One participant shared, “East Portland desperately needs safer ways to reach downtown on bike. Speeding and poorly maintained streets make it unsafe.” Another commented, “East County has poor Trimet north/south



routes. More trails for this. To connect to transit and other locations such as schools and shopping, also medical.”

Others shared their own experience living in different neighborhoods across the city of Portland where they see these inequities, such as Cully and Parkrose neighborhoods. Responding to the Regional Trails System map that displayed current and proposed trail projects, one participant said, “The map revealed a disconnect.”

Participants also emphasized that trails can serve as a mode of transportation to other natural areas for the same communities who do not have immediate access to them. One participant shared, “Blue Lake Park needs to have a safe trail to Fairview and Gresham area. So close but not accessible without a car. Youth in our Indian Education Program could not take advantage of summer work experience programs there.” Another talked about their aspirations for the youth they work with, “I work with a youth organization that we are trying to get youth of color outdoors and enjoying nature. Connecting their school to trails and nature would be great.”

Beyond trails as a safe alternative for commuting, others emphasized the importance of having trails be accessible via public transportation for folks who are not able to drive or have access to a vehicle. One participant asked, “Do I feel that I can access these trails and make my way to nature and water features without a vehicle?”

**Use multiple methods to communicate about the regional trail system and trail amenities to ensure everyone can learn about, stay informed and use trails in the region, including those without access to the internet.**

Several participants expressed that this was the first time they had heard about the trails network and questioned how Metro is intentionally reaching out to BIPOC and other communities that do not know about these opportunities. As one participant put it, “information about trails/paths should be equitably disseminated.”

Attendees highlighted how many communities are not being engaged because they may not have access or know how to use the internet. One participant shared how this has worsened through the COVID-19 pandemic. “The technology gap has been highlighted more than ever during the pandemic. How can we meet people where they're at when it comes to sharing information?” Participants recommended expanding the way that Metro shares and displays information about the regional trails system, such as distributing maps at culturally-specific venues, adding interpretive signs in multiple languages with information about trail connections and amenities, and organizing way finding projects in specific neighborhoods. Many also shared how knowing what amenities are and are not available at each trail would be helpful for them before and while using it. In recognition of most information being available online, one participant suggested that Metro set up Wi-Fi hot spots at its parks and trails to help with this.

**Projects should implement strategies to prevent displacement and gentrification that can result from building new trails or parks.**

Participants acknowledged the impact that these projects have on neighboring communities. Many shared their concerns and questioned what Metro was doing to prevent or mitigate this.

One participant said, “I am also concerned about gentrification due to trails - they are a combination of transportation infrastructure and parks - both of which are known factors in gentrification. It takes a lot of work to stabilize community before transportation infrastructure comes in. Lessons from MAX in North Portland.”

Although no strategies were recommended, it was a clear concern for participants given the questions and acknowledgement of this issue. Moreover, most comments showed that Metro, as well as other government agencies, need to be proactive and prioritize strategies to prevent further displacement of more communities. “When talking mitigation of gentrification, how is the city doing this differently this time? Thinking of Max corridor and how the city dropped the ball at end of 10 year protection.”

**Invest in infrastructure that supports accessibility and multiple uses for communities who have different abilities and needs.**

Many participants talked about the importance of having different structures and amenities available so different communities could access these spaces and use them in a way that was most beneficial for them. Specific to physical access, participants emphasized the need for trails to be usable for people with different physical abilities including folks who use wheelchairs. Additionally, participants suggested building benches, covered rest areas and water fountains for people to sit and rest along the trails.

One participant mentioned the importance of having these available for elders. Others also recognized the importance of having open spaces to gather for BIPOC, with many sharing their reason for using trails and natural spaces was to spend time with family. As one participant put it, “often times BIPOC access nature to rest with families.”

Additionally, one participant asked about space for Indigenous ceremonies, “Is there space designed in these trails to practice Indigenous ceremonies?” BIPOC communities might have different cultural reasons to use trails and natural areas and participants emphasized the need for Metro to create projects that meet them.

**Engagement with BIPOC needs to continue and improve, and agencies need to listen and follow-through on feedback.**

Throughout these meetings, participants expressed gratitude for these BIPOC-only events, while emphasizing that they need to be more frequent. Some were curious as to when and how they could expect to be re-engaged. “What are the next steps for BIPOC involvement in

this process?” One community member suggested establishing a BIPOC community committee for ongoing oversight, specifically for Indigenous folks to lead. A few others mentioned the specific challenges facing different communities and suggested Metro host different roundtables for specific cultural groups.

One participant expressed concern about these meetings being a check-box for Metro. “I don't want to see these two Trails Community Meetings just be a box to check off to continue work on these trails without more outreach in the different communities.” Some pointed out the lack of opportunity to engage for folks who do not have access to internet or technology and suggested that Metro use other ways and tools to get their input.

The impacts of past harm perpetuated by government agencies surfaced at these discussions. Aside from additional engagement, community members questioned how Metro would implement their input. “What does the accountability process look like for Metro?” Another participant commented that they were “concerned that BIPOC comments/input could be overwritten by influential/biased neighborhood organizations with deep resources, or by politics.” These questions point out the mistrust of BIPOC with previous Metro processes and the need to improve and lead with more transparency and consistency.

### **Prioritize the engagement of houseless communities and address their needs in the design of future trail projects.**

While this theme was not as prevalent in the discussion as other themes in this report, we feel it is important to highlight it in acknowledgement that Metro has not provided the space to hear from people experiencing houselessness who are living along regional trails. Some participants emphasized that people experiencing houselessness use the trails system and will therefore be impacted by future trail projects. One participant shared, “We do have a lot of homeless neighbors who live on or near trails and they should be considered in these questions/included in these conversations as well.” Another asked, “How are houseless folks going to be engaged?”

Engaging houseless communities in future processes was identified as an important step so Metro understands their needs and priorities and the appropriate ways to address them. As a participant put it, “How can these trails be developed in a safe way for those that will use them for recreation and those that live there?” Participants shared structural ways that trails and natural spaces could already be moving towards meeting some of those needs. They suggested sheltered areas, access to drinking water, and generally building these spaces to be welcoming to houseless folks and, as one participant put it, “making sure architecture isn't anti-houseless.” Another participant suggested, “Eliminating those benches with the weird half bars that don't allow folks to sleep on them, etc.”

## Outcome of engagement goals

These meetings met the objectives set forth by Metro staff. Below are evaluations of the outcomes of each objective.

- **Collect qualitative information that can be used along with the trail prioritization tool and across bond programs:** The discussions at these meetings led to valuable information that will be used alongside the prioritization tool. As presented in the discussion summary, the themes that emerged from these engagements are valuable insights that will support equitable processes and investments for the trails program and other programs across the bond. Additionally, this report will be shared with other partners to amplify the goals, priorities, and concerns shared by participants.
- **Clarify what data the prioritization tool will use for nature, water bodies, and destinations:** Metro staff shared a link to a survey that asked participants to select which types of nature, water bodies, and destinations should be factored in to the tool. The survey also asked how long people would travel using a trail to get to nature or a water body. The responses were limited to existing data sets available to Metro. 88 participants responded to the survey. Metro is using the survey results to select which input data layers to use in the trail gap prioritization analysis (see Appendix 3 for survey results).
- **Poll participants on which evaluation factors are most important:** Metro staff shared a link to a survey that asked participants to rank the 6 factors considered in the trail prioritization tool: access to nature, neighborhood demographics, transportation potential, traffic safety, gap completion and access to destinations. This survey was intended to collect data on how participants ranked these factors from most to least important when making future trail acquisitions. 88 participants completed the survey. Metro is using the survey results to prioritize some trail gaps over others by giving more relative weight to the gaps that score high on the criteria favored by the survey respondents, while giving less relative weight to the criteria that survey respondents deemphasized (see Appendix 3 for survey results).
- **Confirm direction and collect feedback on possible gaps in current factors:** Feedback collected on the prioritization tool reaffirmed what Metro staff have heard from previous engagement and confirmed the direction of the tool. This feedback did also highlight gaps the tool is not addressing and, given its limitations, will not be able to address. However, the gaps that were identified are aligned with the first objective of these meetings and serve as additional information that might not fit within the current data-driven approach but can still be used as an added layer of information after the prioritization tool produces a list of priority projects.

## Conclusion

In summary, these community meetings were successful in meeting the main objectives outlined by Metro staff. The feedback that was collected on the prioritization tool will be critical as the team continues to refine it and eventually implement. Moreover, the lessons learned from the overarching themes that rose from these discussions have been the most impactful outcome.

These themes are valuable insights into the priorities of some BIPOC across the Portland metro region and will be critical as Metro leads more equitable processes and investments for parks and natural areas moving forward. These key takeaways, along with the raw data captured through Jam Boards, will be used alongside the trails prioritization tool to ensure bond dollars have a greater benefit to BIPOC. It is important to recognize that given the limited scope of the bond trails program, some of these findings cannot be followed through on with this funding. However, this report will be shared with our local partners who are responsible for building and managing the regional trails and can benefit from these takeaways. We will also be making this report available to other programs across Metro so this information can be applied whenever possible to other projects and processes beyond the bond.

This report is an attempt at summarizing the discussions at the engagement sessions and we recognize the limitation that exists with this approach. This report does not capture the many contributions and emotions of every individual who participated. Despite this limitation, these themes are immensely valuable to Metro and for other agencies working towards building trail projects that are more equitable in outcome and process.

Organizing these engagement events was a significant attempt at connecting with and learning from BIPOC. However, as many participants indicated, it should not be the end. It is important that these types of events continue and improve, in process and accountability. Although there was an incredible amount of participation, these individuals do not represent the experiences of all BIPOC across the region. Engagement needs to continue to so BIPOC who are disabled, who are queer, who have low-incomes, or are living at any other intersections of other marginalized identities, can participate in these conversations to share their perspective and shape future investments to benefit their communities.

## APPENDIX 1: PRIORITIZATION TOOL SURVEY TEMPLATE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

### Title: Trails prioritization tool survey

1. What should future trail projects connect to? [intro text to next three questions]

a) Connections to nature [check all that apply]

- ☐ Large natural areas
- ☐ Small natural areas
- ☐ Regional parks
- ☐ Neighborhood parks
- ☐ Golf courses
- ☐ Cemeteries
- ☐ School yards
- ☐ Other? [open ended]

b) Type of water bodies [check all that apply]

- ☐ Rivers
- ☐ Creeks/streams
- ☐ Lakes/ponds

c) Connections to destinations [check all that apply]

- ☐ K-12 schools
- ☐ Bus stops
- ☐ MAX stations
- ☐ Community centers
- ☐ Places of worship
- ☐ Grocery stores
- ☐ Libraries
- ☐ Employment areas
- ☐ Town centers
- ☐ Other? [open ended]

2. How long would you walk or bike on a trail to connect to a nature or a water body?  
[check all that apply]
- ☐ 15 minutes or less
  - ☐ 30 minutes
  - ☐ 45 minutes
  - ☐ 1 hour
3. Which factors do you think are most important for trails to serve? Rank the following from most important to least
- ☐ Neighborhood demographics
  - ☐ Access to nature
  - ☐ Transportation potential
  - ☐ Gap completion
  - ☐ Connectivity to destinations
  - ☐ Traffic safety

**Titulo: Encuesta sobre la importancia de senderos**

1. ¿A qué deberían conectarse los futuros proyectos de senderos? (introductory text to the following three questions)
- a) Conexiones a la naturaleza [Marque todo lo que corresponda]
- ☐ Grandes áreas naturales
  - ☐ Pequeñas áreas naturales
  - ☐ Parques regionales
  - ☐ Parques en vecindarios
  - ☐ Campos de golf
  - ☐ Cementerios
  - ☐ Patios Escolares
  - ☐ ¿Otros? [open ended]
- b) Tipo de cuerpos de agua [Marque todo lo que corresponda]
- ☐ Ríos
  - ☐ Arroyos
  - ☐ Lagos/estanques

c) Conexiones a destinos [Marque todo lo que corresponda]

- ☐ K-12 escuelas
- ☐ Paradas de autobús
- ☐ Estaciones de MAX
- ☐ Centros comunitarios
- ☐ Lugares de oración
- ☐ Tiendas de comida
- ☐ Bibliotecas
- ☐ Áreas de empleo
- ☐ Centros de ciudades
- ☐ ¿Otros? [open ended]

2. ¿Cuánto tiempo caminaría o andaría en bicicleta por un sendero para llegar a un área natural o a un cuerpo de agua? [Marque todo lo que corresponda]

- ☐ 15 minutos o menos
- ☐ 30 minutos
- ☐ 45 minutos
- ☐ 1 hora

3. ¿Qué factores cree que son más importantes en relación a los senderos? Clasifique lo siguiente de lo más importante a lo menos

- ☐ Demografía del vecindario
- ☐ Acceso a la naturaleza
- ☐ Potencial de otras maneras de transporte
- ☐ Completar la brecha
- ☐ Conexiones a destinos
- ☐ Seguridad de tráfico



## APPENDIX 2: PARTICIPANT EVALUATION SURVEY TEMPLATE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

### Meeting evaluation form

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<b>Overall, I believe that this meeting was worthwhile</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I felt like I could provide honest input</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I understand how my input will impact the outcome of this project</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The staff was engaging and welcoming</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I would like to participate again</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe <input type="checkbox"/>		

**For future events, I would suggest:**

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Thank you for your feedback today. It will help us plan better meetings in the future.

These next questions help decision-makers at Metro know if we are hearing from a representative group of people reflecting the region's diverse communities and broad range of experiences.

**1. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Within the broad categories below, where would you place your racial or ethnic identity? (Select all that apply)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American                           | <input type="checkbox"/> White  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American                         | <input type="checkbox"/> an ethnicity not included above (please specify) |
|  | <hr/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latina/o/x                            | <input type="checkbox"/> prefer not to answer                             |

**3. Which of the following best represents the annual income of your household before taxes?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than \$10,000 (less than \$833 per month)    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 (\$4167 to \$6249 per month)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$19,999 (\$834 to \$1666 per month)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 (\$6250 to \$8333 per month)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$29,999 (\$1667 to \$2499 per month) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 (\$8333 to \$12499 per month) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to \$39,999 (\$2500 to \$3333 per month) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more (\$12,500 or more per month)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$49,999 (\$3334 to \$4166 per month) | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know/prefer not to answer                      |

**4. Which of the following ranges includes your age?**

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 to 24
- ☐ 25 to 34
- ☐ 35 to 44
- ☐ 45 to 54
- ☐ 55 to 64
- ☐ 65 to 74
- ☐ 75 and older
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**5. How do you identify your gender?  
(Select all that apply)**

- ☐ Man

- Woman
- Transgender
- Non-binary, genderqueer or third gender
- A gender not listed above (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

**6. Do you live with a disability? (Select all that apply) [Allow for multiple responses]**

- Hearing difficulty (deaf or having serious difficulty hearing)
- Vision difficulty (blind or having serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses)
- Cognitive difficulty (because of a physical, mental or emotional problem, having difficulty remembering, concentrating or making decisions)
- Ambulatory difficulty (unable or having serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs)
- Self-care difficulty (unable or having difficulty bathing or dressing)
- Independent living difficulty (because of a physical, mental or emotional problem, unable or having difficulty doing errands alone)
- A disability not listed above (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- No disability
- Prefer not to answer

**7. What language or dialect is used most in your home? (Select one)**

- ☐ American Sign Language
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Cantonese
- ☐ Chuukese
- ☐ English
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Karen
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Mon-Khmer
- ☐ Nepali
- ☐ Persian
- ☐ Romanian
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Somali
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Tagalog
- ☐ Ukrainian
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ A language or dialect not listed above  
(please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**8. How do you describe your sexual orientation? (Select one)**

- ☐ Heterosexual or straight
- ☐ Gay or lesbian
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ A sexuality not listed above (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

**Formulario de evaluación**

	Totalmente de acuerdo	Estoy de acuerdo	Neutral/ No lo se	Estoy en desacuerdo	Totalmente en desacuerdo
<b>En general, creo que esta reunión valió la pena</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sentí que podía ofrecer mi opinión honesta</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Entiendo cómo mis comentarios impactaran el resultado de este proyecto</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>El personal era amable y presento de una manera informativa</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Me gustaría participar de nuevo</b>					
Si	No	Tal vez			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**Para eventos futuros, yo sugeriría:**

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Gracias por sus comentarios. Esto nos ayudara planear mejores reuniones en el futuro.

Estas próximas preguntas ayudan al liderazgo de Metro a saber si estamos escuchando a un grupo de personas que es representativo de las diversas experiencias y comunidades de la región.

**1. ¿Cuál es tu código postal? \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Dentro de las categorías siguientes, ¿Qué diría que es su identidad racial o étnica? (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nativo americano, indio americano o nativo de Alaska | <input type="checkbox"/> Nativo hawaiano o de otra isla del Pacífico              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asiático o asiático americano                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanco   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afroamericano  | <input type="checkbox"/> Una identidad étnica no incluida (por favor especifique) |
| <hr/>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispano o latina/o/x                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefiero no responder                                    |

**3. ¿Cuál de los siguientes representa los ingresos anuales de su hogar antes de impuestos?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Menos de \$10,000 (menos de \$833 al mes)    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 a \$74,999 (\$4167 a \$6249 al mes)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 a \$19,999 (\$834 a \$1666 al mes)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 a \$99,999 (\$6250 a \$8333 al mes)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 a \$29,999 (\$1667 a \$2499 al mes) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 a \$149,999 (\$8333 a \$12499 al mes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 a \$39,999 (\$2500 a \$3333 al mes) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 o más (\$12,500 o más al mes)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 a \$49,999 (\$3334 a \$4166 al mes) | <input type="checkbox"/> No lo sé/prefiero no responder                  |

**4. ¿Cuál de los siguientes grupos incluye su edad?**

- ☐ Menos de 18
- ☐ 18 a 24
- ☐ 25 a 34
- ☐ 35 a 44
- ☐ 45 a 54
- ☐ 55 a 64
- ☐ 65 a 74
- ☐ 75 o mayor
- ☐ Prefiero no responder

**5. ¿Cómo identificas tu género? (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda)**

- ☐ Hombre
- ☐ Mujer
- ☐ Transgénero
- ☐ No binario, genderqueer o tercer género
- ☐ Un género no mencionado (por favor describa) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Prefiero no responder

**6. ¿Vives con una discapacidad? (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda)**

- ☐ Dificultad auditiva (sordo o con dificultad grave auditiva)
- ☐ Dificultad con la visión (ciego o con dificultad grave para ver, incluso cuando se usan gafas)
- ☐ Dificultad cognitiva (debido a un problema físico, mental o emocional, tener dificultad para recordar, concentrarse o tomar decisiones)
- ☐ Dificultad ambulatoria (incapaz o con dificultades graves para caminar o subir escaleras)
- ☐ Dificultad de cuidado personal (incapaz o con dificultad para bañarse o vestirse)
- ☐ Dificultad viviendo independiente (debido a un problema físico, mental o emocional, incapaz o con dificultades para hacer mandados solo)
- ☐ Una discapacidad no mencionada (por favor describa) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No tengo una discapacidad
- ☐ Prefiero no responder

**7) ¿Qué idioma o dialecto se utiliza más en su hogar? (Seleccione uno)**

- ☐ Lengua de signos americanos
- ☐ árabe
- ☐ Cantonés
- ☐ Chúcese
- ☐ Inglés

- Japonés
- Karen
- Coreano
- Mandarín
- Mon-Khmer
- Nepalí
- Persa
- Rumano
- Ruso
- Somalí
- Español
- Tagalo
- Ucraniano
- Vietnamita
- Un idioma o dialecto no mencionado (por favor describa)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Prefiero no responder

**8. ¿Cómo describes tu orientación sexual? (Seleccione uno)**

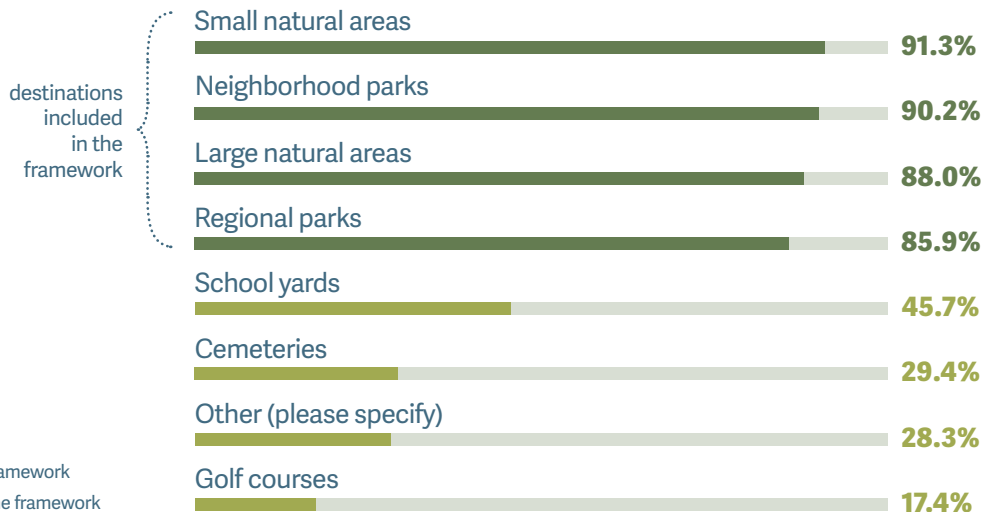
- Heterosexual
- Gay o lesbiana
- Bisexual
- Una sexualidad no mencionada (por favor describa)\_\_\_\_\_
- Prefiero no responder



## APPENDIX 3: PRIORITIZATION TOOL SURVEY RESULTS

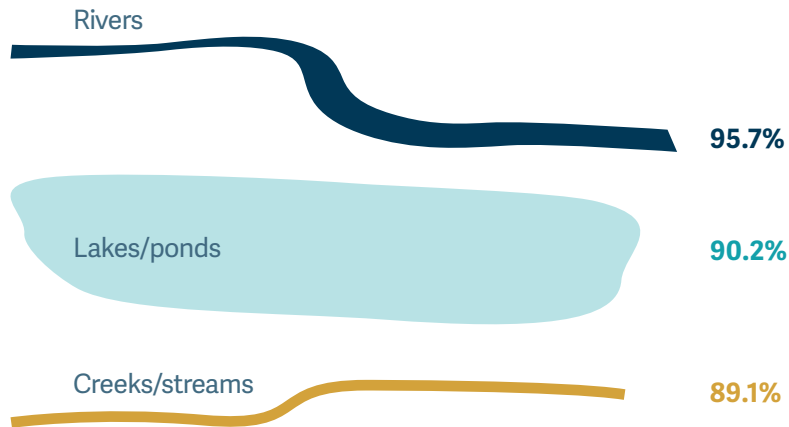
# What type of natural areas would you like trails to connect to?

(88 respondents)



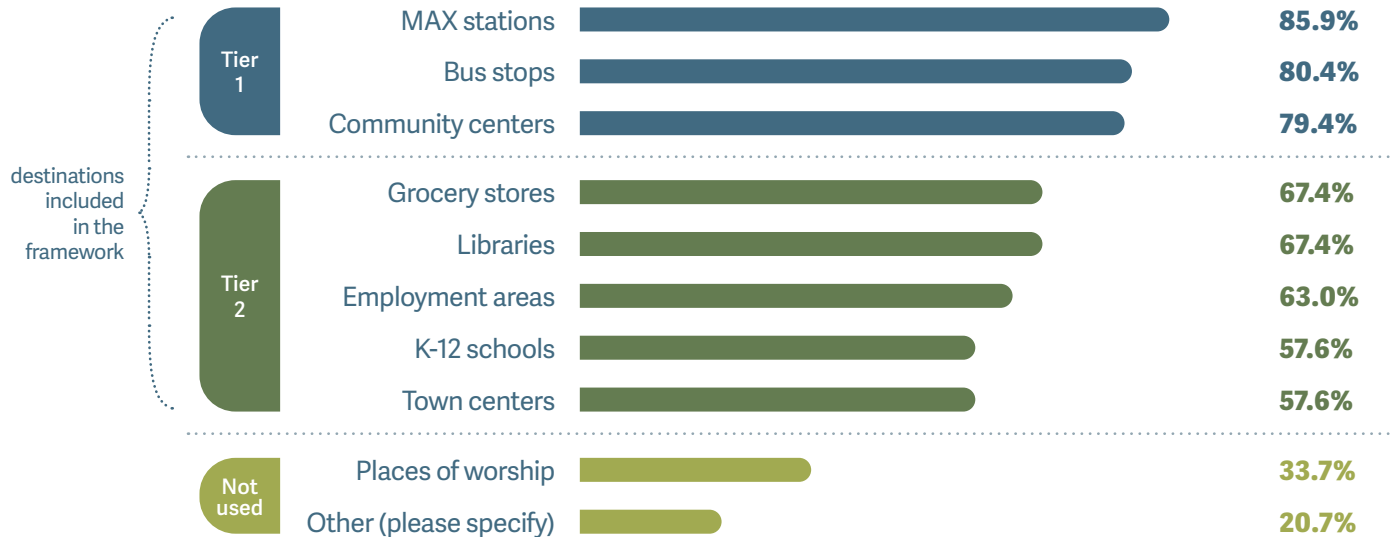
# What kinds of water bodies would you like trails to connect to?

(88 respondents)









# What are the most important destinations to connect with trails?

(88 respondents)



# Which factors are most important for prioritizing trail projects?

(88 respondents)

	Ranking		Number of votes per ranking					
Prioritization Factor	Mode	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6
 Neighborhood demographics	1	2.8	30	16	7	6	16	7
 Access to nature	1	2.8	25	21	13	14	6	9
 Traffic safety	3	3.3	16	16	17	16	11	13
 Connectivity to destinations	3	3.9	2	18	21	14	16	17
 Transportation potential	4	4.0	4	9	20	23	15	16
 Gap completion	6	4.3	8	5	10	15	22	24

## APPENDIX 4: PARTICIPANT EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS

I believe that this meeting was worthwhile	
Agree	21
Neutral/Don't know	2
Strongly agree	25
(blank)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>

I felt like I could provide honest input	
Agree	27
Neutral/Don't know	2
Strongly agree	19
(blank)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>

The staff was engaging and welcoming	
Agree	15
Neutral/Don't know	1
Strongly agree	32
(blank)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>

I understand how my input will impact the outcome of this project	
Agree	23
Neutral/Don't know	12
Strongly agree	12
Strongly disagree	1
(blank)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>

I would like to participate again	
Maybe	5
Yes	43
(blank)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>

### Demographic questionnaire results

Within the broad categories below, where would you place your racial or ethnic identity?	
Native American, American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Asian or Asian American	13
Black or African American	7
Hispanic or Latina/o/x	15
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	4
White	7
an ethnicity not included above (please specify)	5
<i>Basque, Chicana, Portland, Indigenous MesoAmerican, Hispanic</i>	
Did not answer	4
Identified ONE racial or ethnic identity	29
Identified TWO or more racial or ethnic identities	15

Which of the following best represents the annual income of your household before taxes?	
Below 49,999	20
Above 50,000	20
Don't know/Prefer not to answer	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>

Which of the following ranges includes your age?	
18-24	3
25-34	13
35-44	13
45-54	6
55-64	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>

How do you identify your gender?	
Woman	28
Man	10
Transgender	0
Non-binary	3
Two-spirit	2
Prefer not to answer	1

Do you live with a disability?	
Lives with one or more disabilities	7
No disability	32
Prefer not to answer	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41</b>

What language or dialect is used most in your home?	
A language or dialect not listed above (please describe)	2 ( <i>Tiwa, Maya Akateko</i> )
English	35
Mandarin	2
Spanish	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>

How do you describe your sexual orientation?	
Bisexual	8
Gay or lesbian	1
Heterosexual or straight	29
Prefer not to answer	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40</b>

## APPENDIX 5: JAM BOARDS



# What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?

## ¿En que piensas cuando ves estos factores y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?



What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

**Safety for BIPOC folx. Often, I do not feel safe to be/access these spaces. How can Metro let white people know that these trails are for everybody?**

**Historical narrative of area.**

**Quantitative and qualitative assessment on impact of proposed plans**

**Multiple languages.**

**Indigenous names of the trails/land.**

**Indigenous cultural knowledge of the land and trails people are hiking. Respecting the spaces of the animals that live on the trails.**

**how and where to find park information? not everyone has access to internet to look things up**

**Is the current tool able to be flexible and shift as community needs change/more BIPOC input.**

**Interpretive signage that goes beyond land acknowledgements and clearly states that this is STOLEN land.**

**Naming more parks after BIPOC folx.**



What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

agree with the blue sticky notes. symbols can have different meanings in different cultures.

have you included the indigenious/Native people/tribes of the area for a round table discussion as you are attempting with us today

Consider hosting different cultural specific group for inputs.

More ways to engage aside from jamboard - access for folks on the phone!

The symbols are helpful, but I feel like you could have an entire session for each one. It's a lot to process in one session and it's hard to remember what they all are

How did Metro engage with BIPOC communities to develop the tool? This is the first time I am hearing about all of this.

How are indigenous peoples of these lands included in this process? How can they lead this process?

I appreciate the process and hope there are more opportunities to engage at different days and times - and more opportunities for folks who dont have computer access

Let's not apologize for needing to provide interpretation in rooms. Having multi-lingual feedback is essential to this process and should be fostered and not shamed

Can we do pre-townhall check-in by providing questions for discussions ahead of time so we can also do our own research and discussions and come prepared for a discussion with the bigger group?

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

**What are the next steps for BIPOC involvement in this process?**

I'm involved in this conversation because I'm a community leader. Metro should reach out to community members with the support of community leaders like myself for a community education opportunity.

Can we break out actionable tasks in the process to define what equity means for each of these? Ex. How does equity in all processes feel/sound/look like in concrete actions or examples.

**More time would be helpful with this meeting. These are incredible important conversations and it felt rushed.**

roundtable for each community to deeply understand their needs and challenges

# What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?

## ¿En que piensas cuando ves estos factores y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?



Transportation potential/Traffic safety : Many people still have limited and unsafe options to get around. Using trails as an option to get people around the region is important.

I take walks in my neighborhood just to see the outdoors and connect with nature

Would feel safer with more BIPOC folks on trails, paths, in natural spaces. Exclusively white spaces, even if they are circumstantial, make me feel less welcome and more vulnerable.

people don't keep their dogs under control/don't clean up after them.

Once built, money must be designated to **MAINTAIN AND CLEAN** trails

If a trail isn't connected and I am spit out onto the street, is there sufficient signage and possibly lower traffic speeds so I'm not feeling unsafe?

Transit access, do I feel that I can access these trails and make my way to nature and water features without a vehicle?

I like to ride my bike with my son near the river.

I also use trails to walk to public transit since I don't bike.

Can I access the trail by foot/bike/transit? Having to drive to a trail really limits its use.

Bikes can be expensive to acquire and maintain- it would be great to have low cost or free options to get bikes and bike maintenance to those who can't afford it

I need to be able to get around on bicycle, the more trails the more likely I will be able to reach different parts of town. That can affect what jobs I look for.

Information about trails/paths should be equitably disseminated—do I see people like me on the trails? If all I see are white folks, I may not feel comfortable.

How do we activate our trails that make them inviting and safe to BIPOC communities .

safety is also important, especially during this time where we see a growth in Asian hate

for page four. I know of a well used bike route that has a stop sign placed inside a street ramp that a wheelchair user must use. I reported it to the city. They haven't moved it. Not much commitment to accessibility.

What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

investments that  
complement other  
public health  
benefits, like trees  
along trails

Equity of funding.  
What  
areas/communities  
have been  
neglected when it  
comes to funding  
trails.

**Community  
engagement,  
beyond input  
to use.**

**Safety for  
marginalized  
communities  
beyond traffic  
safety.**

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

How are you  
creating  
accountability to  
the communities  
you are asking for  
input



Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

I own a VERY LONG tandem trike. Standard bike racks are not too usable. Same for folks with cargo bikes.

concerned that BIPOC comments/input could be overwritten by influential/biased neighborhood organizations with deep resources, or by politics.

DEFINITELY link in with region wide trail building efforts. The attempt to build a trail along the Banfield freeway has been going on for a while.



# What do you think is missing up for you when you think about how you use trails?

## ¿y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?

better first-and-last mile transportation from the max or the bus to places like Oxbow Regional Park

off leash dogs are unsafe for some individuals

better enforcement of keeping dogs on-leash (not sure how to do that)

wi fi hotspots

42nd ave connecting to Columbia in Cully is very dangerous. We need a trail!

transportation potential

digital connectivity hotspots in metro parks and trails

how do we provide information in other ways outside online? in person and packaged with other services?

can we expand traffic safety to safety in general

traffic safety

access to nature

Accessing of information for all. The technology gap has been highlighted more than ever during the pandemic. How can we meet people where they're at when it comes to sharing information?

more educational signage (for example, the nature patch in Columbia park teaches a lot about flowers and it makes me feel more engaged and encouraged to explore natural areas)

Have QR codes that you could scan at a site/trail to take you to maps

Nature walking only, with no bikes.

how do communities feel ownership over those

Safety first. Less crowded path.

Safety for women accessing trails and parks alone.

can Metro partner with groups that meet to hike/bike/explore certain sites? that allows for more welcoming spaces

Access to nature is important - break from the stress of work and congestion

Educational placards are great for engagement and learning. Plant identification, historical significance of place, etc.

I am a Cully resident and frequently walk trails with my service animal. I like to be able to connect to other trails from my home.

staff who are available for in-person information sharing (including maps, activity suggestions) and camaraderie

things that make you feel unsafe, uncomfortable. what can we do to increase sense of belonging, being welcome in these spaces

not feeling safe on trails along. are there things like call buttons along the way? safety especially for women or female presenting individuals

can we cultivate a sense of community ownership of trails not neighborhood ownership

I have two small children, one that is in a stroller...I think about accessibility a lot!

Beautification is important - making sure that there are trash receptacles in BIPOC communities makes outdoor spaces feel taken care of and safe.

SAs a person of color/pre elder I want to be safe and not harassed by others for walking with my dog. People see signs that read no dogs ; Signs do not state Service Animals only.

neighborhood demographics

access is more than about geography. need to feel welcoming and safe in parks and natural spaces

what are things that can make you uncomfortable? dogs off leash, or unfamiliar circumstances. especially important for trails in residential neighborhoods

Disability access. Providing more places to sit for folks who need to take breaks or access to bathrooms.

gap completion

I think it's important to create new paths in BIPOC communities. The map revealed a disconnect between the two.

Some of the paths I use need connection - Springwater and Fanno Creek, for example

connectivity to destinations

What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?



What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?  
 ¿En que piensas cuando ves estos factores y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?



**Safety**

I encounter a LOT of white people who have their dogs off-leash on trails natural areas, and there doesn't seem to be obvious ways to address this issue.

**Equity focus - low income, BIPOC, English learners**

**access to nature**

**gap completion**

I worry about exploring trails that are in wealthy neighborhoods/suburbs (like Lake Oswego) I always feel unwelcome and like I'm not supposed to be there as Bipoc

Safety in the outdoors is something that I have heard about from members of our group who have had negative experiences with others who aren't accustomed to encountering BIPOC in these spaces.

What does Land Back mean to Metro? Why does the website have colonizer history (naming white architects but not native lands and plan forward)

Thinking of what is safe for some is NOT SAFE for others. When I see a lot of white folks... I don't feel "safe"

for someone who didn't have a car, Gap completion and safety is very important. Access to Nature is nice but a lower priority.

Not being able to bring a dog on some trails feels vulnerable.

When talking mitigation of gentrification, how is the city doing this differently this time? Thinking of Max corridor and how the city dropped the ball at end of 10 year protection

Reflective paint on the lanes and to distinguish between bike and traffic lanes could be very helpful for Accessibility, in addition to reflective clear signage

I bike a lot as I don't qualify to drive so having lit up paths is very important to me. Especially during winter and rain season.

Not knowing what amenities like bathrooms, benches if dogs are allowed etc. makes going out harder. Better websites would help.

for cycling on paths, especially at night, I feel safer when there are reflectors or other visual cues in case my lights aren't extremely bright

Access to Nature. I think that the resources to direct people who use public transportation could be better integrated into alot of the websites or pamphlets that share information about the area

What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

**The safety of  
BIPOC when  
accessing  
these trails.**

existing orgs that  
are ideal for  
promoting spaces. I  
want to be able to  
connect with nature  
individually and  
pass that on to our  
communities.

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

**People of  
the global  
majority.**

**just how  
much input is  
taken  
seriously and  
excuted.**

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

Can there be signage that is clear about teens using spaces so other adults don't throw shade? How to provide non-police assistance to folks in need.

It would be cool to have more biking trails to rivers

^^

agreed



# What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?

¿**piensas cuando ves estos factores y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?**

**importante de tener letreros en diferentes idiomas**

**seguridad y de conexiones a otros lugares**

**para pasar tiempo con la familia y disfrutar de la naturaleza**

**como nos involucramos en estos proyectos?**

**hay unos hombres que se juntan en un sendero cerca de mi, pueden hacer algo?**

**hay areas que no son seguros para caminar - se necesita senales o banqueta para caminar - en la vecindad de Cully**

**seguridad es muy importante para los ninos y las familias**



**sentir segura, especialmente como mujer, y tambien de disfrutar de la naturaleza y escapar de la contaminacion y ritmo de la ciudad**

**de-estresarse, mas retirados de la ciudad**

**Disfrutar la naturaleza y tener senderos seguro para nuestros niños**

**muy bonito para salir con los hijos y demostrarles como disfrutar de la naturaleza y de los animales**

**enseñar a los ninos los diferentes tipos de animales que viven en la naturaleza**

**I want to know that people who look like me will be safe and the trails will be designed with our needs in mind.**

**I think they're good aspirational factors but there are others missing.**

**Pedestrian crossings near trailheads are important.**

What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

What experiences do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails...safety, location and scenery or destination.

Accessibility for wheelchairs is definitely important..as well as places for folks who

Making places for elders to sit and/or rest..

Public transportation to trails - is very difficult to find for folks without vehicles. And then yes - parking is a big issue.



I do think about lighting on trails with heavier bike traffic

I think that the trails could cause gentrification to pick up its speed, and possibly hurt our homeless neighbors

My concern is also more bikes - and how that will impact our trails ..I do hate to see more asphalt in our natural areas.

I always want more access to nature, and especially the water bodies (Willamette River, Columbia Slough, and Columbia River in North Portland), but I don't know where all the trails are or how they connect.

I am concerned about the gentrification of trails and neighborhoods.

Having user friendly maps when you are using a trail that you're unfamiliar with.

Accessibility (wheelchairs and proximity to where people live), lighting, safety, trash cans

When I think about traffic safety, that's very important but also just personal safety especially being on a trail by yourself.

When I think of traffic safety - I'm afraid it may be too close to urban areas..

Ditto on the lighting.

<-- yes! (on lighting)

Places to sit or rest and drinking water.

I've worked with students who live in neighborhoods without any sidewalks or trails for that matter and when we try to discuss in class, it takes a while for the importance of pathways to sink in; they've just gotten used to it.

I think about how to do more "hybrid" community where I'm able to access trails/paths from public transportation on my way to work

Are no-dog trails a possibility?

I love tool stations. Things seem to always happen when I don't have mine.

Same for me about personal safety. My friend showed me the Columbia Slough Water Trail last weekend via kayaks, and there were some sketchy places we didn't put in at because we were worried about our safety.

seems certain demographics have different uses for trails

I love when there are porta potties on trails!!!!!!

yes to bathrooms along trails!

due to trails - they are a combination of transportation infrastructure and parks - both of which are known factors in gentrification. It takes a lot of work to stabilize community before transportation infrastructure comes

parking is really limited or in a weird spot without much signage, so sometimes it's hard to find or even know about good parking spots. Or the parking is along the highway where it isn't super safe, too close to

I dislike being on a trail and having to walk along the road or cross a major road due to gaps

I hike a lot with my husband and two young children, and we feel the need to carry protection in case we are attacked because of our race.



What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

How does the funding for these trails intersect with other Metro initiatives?  
Examples: Willamette Falls project, Willamette Cove clean up, affordable housing bond, supportive housing services bond, etc.?

How are you including lower income folks and BIPOCs at the decision-making and implementation stages (not just the feedback stage)?

We do have a lot of homeless neighbors who live on or near trails and they should be considered in these questions / included in these conversations as well

Personal safety is missing, but a lot of us are concerned with it (see first page).

My concern is about upkeep for the trails ...who will be responsible.. How can we encourage our youth to be part of these projects to learn about our natural areas - and be a part of the building?

Education around safe driving when it comes to new trails that start popping up in your 'hood.

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

How transparent will this process be? How will you ensure that the communities most effected will be notified about the progress about the Trail Bond?

Is Metro prepared to offer non-cash incentives to property owners to accomplish trail connectors?

How will the BIPOC community help in the designing portion - to make sure our thoughts are considered.

How / Who is integrating all of this community input into the "tool?" How can you ensure equitable interpretation of what is being shared?

**Does the funding cover new signage?**

What's the timeline? This bond was passed in 2019 - how long before we see trails built in our communities?

I'm just concerned about the funding aspect. I've been in a similar feedback session with the Native community, and it was the same thing. Metro does great work, but the funding seems really limited compared to the need.

What does the accountability process look like for Metro?

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

no  
wonder I -  
LAKE

community members  
once or twice is a  
good (minimal) step --  
but how can you have  
a community  
committee that is also  
providing oversight  
throughout the  
duration of the  
project(s)? Thinking  
specifically of  
Indigenous folks

continued  
honorarium for  
community  
members or citizen  
oversight  
committee  
members.

Online webmapping  
application with  
multiple layers for the  
public to visualize and  
prioritize: Existing,  
planned, proposed  
trails; water trails;  
parks and natural  
areas; neighborhoods  
with prioritized  
demographics; major

we're experiencing  
along existing trails  
and our unhoused  
community members.  
Peninsula Crossing  
Trail is unusable as a  
trail right now. How to  
provide enough  
housing and shelter to  
make sure public  
space is accessible to

**Add art  
to  
trails!**

advertising about  
where trailheads  
are...maybe some  
wayfinding projects in  
certain  
neighborhoods, like  
how they have in  
Cully...would help  
increase access. Just  
knowing where things  
are or that something  
is even available is the

And if you're going to  
include a BIPOC  
community oversight  
committee for the  
duration of the  
project - how can you  
equitably compensate  
them for their time as  
"consultants?"



What factors are most important for you when you think about how you use trails?  
 ¿En qué factores piensas cuando recuerdas en como usas los senderos?

Safety for walking and cycling to connect to places such as Blue Lake Park.

Safe way to get to transit stations on foot and bike.

My neighborhood, Parkrose, lacks access in relation to these factors.

Access to nature, community demographics, safety, connectivity to destinations



Neighborhood demographics is the most important to me. To provide close trail access to the community most in need.

I'm interested in the safety factor of the trails.

I don't have a car and bike most places so it would be awesome if the entire city was connected by trails

As a female, and POC, I think of what I am wary of: I won't go alone on trails, think of transportation to and from trails, time of day, and access to cell, etc.

would love for there to be spots along the trail to fill up your water bottle and pump up your tires

Safe access and connectivity

Especially with 3 young nephews, I'm very interested in ensuring spaces are safe, clean, and well-maintained (well lit, not too remote).

accessible for disable people of all abilities

With my BIPOC cycling community.

I would love to be able to access the mountains for hiking via bike trails

would love more bike designated areas on the road for safety from traffic

When I look at which trails to use, I always check to make sure that there's not a gap where i will be walking alongside traffic.

it would be so nice to not have gaps between trails

I'd love to see some education on the trails.

accessibility to nature and safety

What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

Names for trails that do not honor colonizers. Especially those with history of exploiting BIPOC and other vulnerable people.

Looking at access through an equitable lens.

**Schools who need safe routes.**

connecting both people and wildlife trails / paths

Important Indigenous historical or cultural sites that need protection by NOT putting a trail in.

Are there sensitive plant or animal species that should be protected by NOT putting a trail through an area.

Potential for programming / education. I.e. indigenous plants and wildlife.

**Lighting and safe entry points**

meetings like this on a regular basis with the community, appreciate the accessibility accommodations

consistent space between waste receptacles so we can keep spaces and trails clear of debris

Lighting for sure on the trails from a safety perspective.

How about more opportunities to drink fresh water on the trails?

With future meetings like this, maybe some prep material people can scroll through to be more familiar with. Timeline of what steps came about when

**Safety access**

Could the trails incorporate commerce for underrepresented folks somehow? Food trucks from the BIPOC community? Just throwing ideas out there...

particular. thriving with indigenous plants. Ensuring that such areas are set aside would be great. Our community is hearing about a camas field in Eugene being paved over and it would be a shame for this to happen to

What comments or questions do you have about this process?

¿Que comentarios o preguntas tienes sobre este proceso?

I like the inclusivity and awareness of needs when reaching out to diverse community for input!

East Portland desperately needs safer ways to reach downtown on bike. Speeding and poorly maintained streets make it unsafe.

Is Rocky Butte something on Metros' radar?

Curious as to lack of proposed trails in the SE Portland (or. NE Portland) area(s) at large. This is where the majority of my local tribal community lives/works and it doesn't seem like the proposed trails are near communities.

What is the timeline for getting natural areas opened? You have a number of properties are still not open. What is taking so long?



Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

Blue Lake Park needs to have a safe trail to Fairview and Gresham area. So close but not accessible without a car. Youth in our Indian Education Program could not take advantage of summer work experience programs there.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak.

I am weary of the idea of adding more policing to these trails. That does not make me feel safe as a Brown person. I go on trails to get away from the idea of being profiled by armed law enforcement.

Thanks for the opportunity to participate, I'd love to be involved in future events. Brought up idea of Indigenous naming of trails, areas.

Thank you for this space. I like seeing accessibility to forums like this. Community outreach in different forms would be a huge impact.

I hope you all will be able to implement what you learn from these sessions.

Ability to bike safely to Whittaker Ponds.

East county has poor Trimet north/south routes. More trails for this. To connect to transit and other locations such as schools and shopping, also medical.

Promotion and programming for using these trails. Making sure there's implementation of bike and mobility sharing so ppl can use trails.

What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?

¿En que piensas cuando ves estos factores y recuerdas en como usas los senderos?

more  
greenways on  
the East Side,  
past 82nd

A space for  
friends  
& family to  
spend  
time...safely

Intentional

connected and safe  
bike paths for bike  
commuters on the  
eastside: students,  
people commuting  
for work and  
recreational riders

Time  
efficiency  
when using  
trails as  
pathways

a space to  
break away  
from the grind

Safety not only on  
trails but at  
destinations  
(transport terminals,  
nature spots, etc)

Access to  
native  
plants

A safe place to  
be in  
communion  
with nature

Learning about  
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Access to  
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Trying to walk  
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spaces to sit  
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Please utilise empty  
spaces for  
community gardens,  
trees, flowers, little  
gardens that are  
visually artistic  
specially near  
highways.....all that  
land is so wasted.

Health

Breathe

Instead of parks it  
needs to be  
community gardens  
with food being  
grown by  
community. more  
effective use of  
space

Trails need to be  
wider for safety and  
more engaging with  
places to sit and  
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engagement if  
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¿Que otra informacion se deberia considerar o incorporar en esta herramienta?

**Other information to be considered will reveal it's self in time by use.**

**I'm interested in how trail development and increased access to nature will be handled given, in my personal experience, its signifier for the gentrification of an area.**

**<---- I agree with this one. Often greening spaces leads to gentrifying spaces.**

**balancing the number of city, county, or state parks that are already in the area**

**Whether and to what extent input in these community sessions comes from neighborhoods with fewer Metro assets.**

**More interpretive signage**

**wondering about frameworks & modalities - like critical race theory as a tool in the development**

**Ways to efficiently and validly gather data, create and share reports publicly, and using it for improvements**

**considering if trails could be made from environmentally supportive materials**

**how trails connect to urban agricultural spaces/community gardens**

**Concern for children's health around chemical weed management (spraying along roads and paths).**

**Transparency around pesticide use (round up or others) along trails that might be contaminating medicinal herbs that POC and other herbalists might otherwise cultivate/engage with (respectfully).**

**planting native/pollinator friendly plants around the trails instead of typical grass**

**We need to give more space to Indigenous first foods**



What comments or questions do you have about this process?

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I think it's a beautiful idea for our community to be able to have sense of (though small) freedom

How Metro will alert surrounding areas of this new trail development? What will engagement look like during COVID? How it will make sure that this information is accessible to different racial/ethnic groups?

How do you know when you've gotten efficient input from critical demographics and if they're from the neighborhoods that will be impacted by Metro taxes and development?

and new immigrants; business owners and employees; pedestrians, including those with a disability or other mobility issue; dog owners; environmental and climate activists; and any number of different communities

will you have? How will you engage different communities in different neighborhoods? I don't want to see these two Trails Community Meetings just be a box to check off to continue work on these trails without

timelines for checking in with the community along every step of the way

I know it's been named as a concern, however, bumping again being aware of how opportunities like this lead to gentrification

tools and timelines for assessing community need & flexibility to change course if things don't align with community need

How will you train contractors to interact with houseless communities?

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

creating spaces that aren't intensely anti-houseless. Eliminating those benches with the weird half bars that don't allow folks to sleep on them, etc.

I appreciate the intentionality and proactivity with gathering feedback and learning

It is programmed within us to not trust.

Access to nature is an important factor for people to connect to an area and be invested in its growth so seeing Metro being intentional and approach this with care makes me glad.

making sure architecture isn't anti-houseless

Once one's dignity is eroded, it is exhausting to continue to contribute.

maintain the trails in a beautiful manner

I can't wait for more wonderful weather and be adventurous with my family



What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how to use trails?

¿En que piensas cuando ves estos factores?

**Neighborhood demographics:** How to communicate with BIPOC folks about the potential impacts of gentrification on the community. Dealing with trash/damage to areas that allow through trails.



**Connectivity to destinations:** In this priority area, I would say connecting to destinations that are free or low cost to BIPOC could be a higher priority than spaces that have a cost associated.

unwritten and written rules about who can use trails/parks and who can use them after dark

Making more signage about trails located near or in the Portland Harbor Superfund site

White supremacy and racism on full display on waterways like Willamette (boats parked or going up and down with those flags, you know which ones) in clusters going up and down from St. Johns to Downtown

Gotta plan heavily when thinking about biking on trails, where I'm going, where I need to bail

houseless folks: How can these trails be developed in a safe way for those that will use them for recreation and those that live there?

matters. It is important to see people who are like you out using the trails, but in order for that to happen more commonly, there needs to be representation in marketing and media to normalize BIPOC and minority

Connecting both BIPOC communities to nature is very important. I work with a youth organization that we are trying to get youth of color outdoors and enjoying nature. Connecting their school to trails and nature would be

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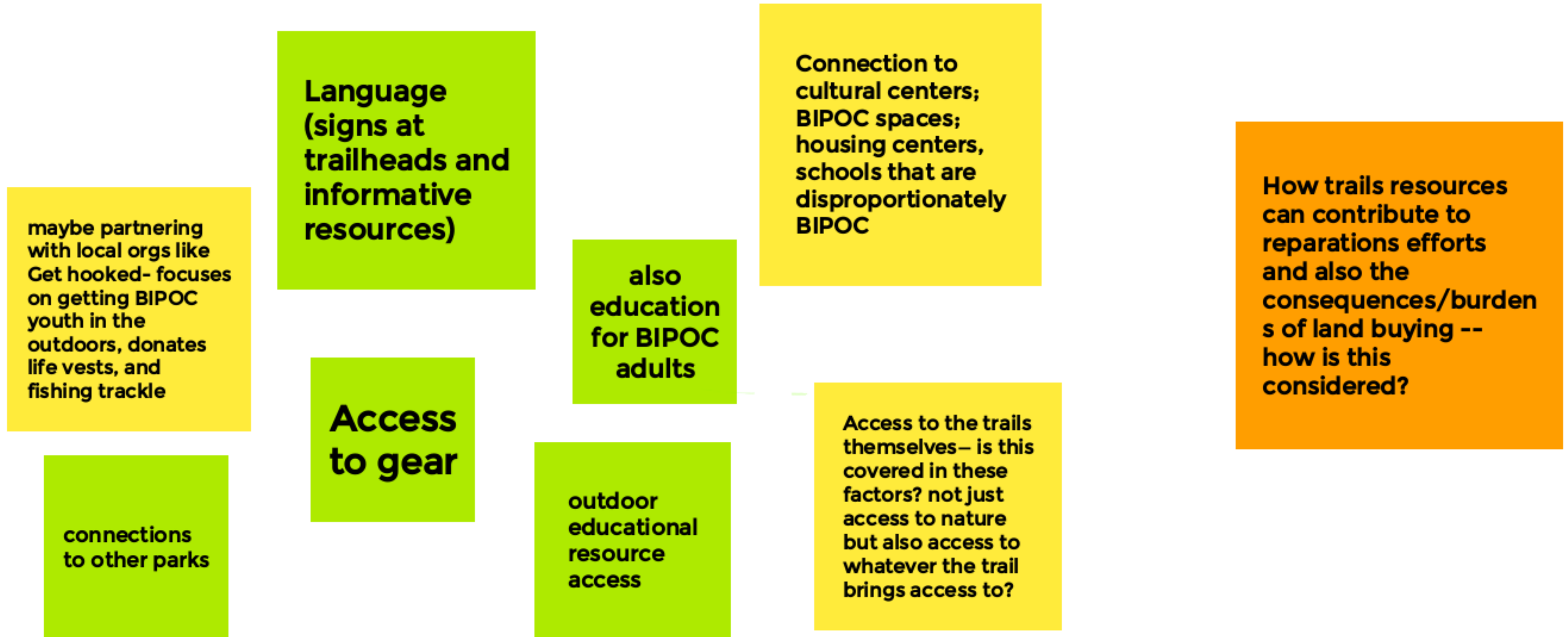
Street conditions in most neighborhoods are dismal, trails facilities are sometimes worse

signs that explain the trail's history/ scenery in other languages

**Traffic Safety:** Trails that are parallel to major highways or get you around the major roadways would be helpful so you're not going far out of the way to be able to make it to a place.

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**Are we going  
to keep  
conducting  
these forums?**

Is there anything else you want to share?

¿Hay algo mas que quieres compartir?

## APPENDIX 6: VERBATIM COMMENTS

### Question 1: What do these factors bring up for you when you think about how you use trails?

- Resources for folks who are houseless.
- Needle disposal bins in known areas of higher houseless population i.e. marine drive/205 trail.
- Safety - am I welcomed here? Are my communities welcomed here?
- How are we ensuring that cops aren't getting called on BIPOC using the trails?
- Community bike pumps along bike trails.
- Safe access for BIPOC to the river and older forest stands.
- +1 on safety along these trails (as an example, a young adult was obviously carrying a machete on the waterfront as I was walking with my kids one weekend).
- Trimet has large signage to show maps of bus routes, maybe the same sort of signage can be used to illustrate trail networks.
- Do my communities know where trails exist? Are they free? Is parking free?
- Food and rest are important with families recreating. Will trails lead us to opportunities to purchase food as nourishment and will these same trails have places to rest along the way?
- How are houseless folks going to be engaged?
- Map access distributed at cultural specific venues.
- A safe trail for all kind of people.
- Safety when walking along the big street where the trails are not connected.
- Will there be others who look like me also recreating at this same space?
- Do I have to walk 2 miles to access the only bathroom available, if any?
- How about leading with hospitality? Signs that say "you are welcome here"
- Are there garbage bins throughout the trail?
- Safety when hiking alone.
- Is there space designed in these trails to practice indigenous ceremonies?
- Is there art that represents my communities? Are signs in different languages?
- How can I afford bus tickets for my family of \_\_\_\_?
- Having good signages (wayfinding).



- Balance transportation potential with keeping community needs in balance.
- Public water fountains at rest areas along trails.
- Ensuring there are physical places to gather like a shelter, picnic tables, playground because often times BIPOC access nature to rest with families and not necessarily to do high aerobic activity that mostly require just a trail.
- Safe rest areas to take breaks/get out of the rain or sun along bike walking trails.
- Transportation potential/Traffic safety: Many people still have limited and unsafe options to get around. Using trails as an option to get people around the region is important.
- Are other BIPOC users like at these parks? If so, then I will usually feel more safe.
- How do we activate our trails that make them inviting and safe to BIPOC communities?
- I take walks in my neighborhood just to see the outdoors and connect with nature.
- I like to ride my bike with my son near the river.
- Safety is most importance 1- personal safety, like being hit by a car, 2- racial safety, stares from others, or racially profiled by others.
- Would feel safer with more BIPOC folks on trails, paths, in natural spaces. Exclusively white spaces, even if they are circumstantial, make me feel less welcome and more vulnerable.
- I also use trails to walk to public transportation since I don't bike.
- Safety is also important, especially during this time where we see a growth in Asian hate .
- Can I access the trail by foot/bike/transit? Having to drive to a trail really limits its use.
- People don't keep their dogs under control/don't clean up after them.
- Bikes can be expensive to acquire and maintain- it would be great to have low cost or free options to get bikes and bike maintenance to those who can't afford it.
- For page four. I know of a well-used bike route that has a stop sign placed inside a street ramp that a wheelchair user must use. I reported it to the city. They haven't moved it. Not much commitment to accessibility.
- Once built, money must be designated to maintain and clean trails.
- Transit access, do I feel that I can access these trails and make my way to nature and water features without a vehicle?
- I need to be able to get around on bicycle, the more trails the more likely I will be able to reach different parts of town. That can affect what jobs I look for.

- If a trail isn't connected and I am spit out onto the street, is there sufficient signage and possibly lower traffic speeds so I'm not feeling unsafe?
- Information about trails/paths should be equitably disseminated—do I see people like me on the trails? If all I see are white folks, I may not feel comfortable.
- Better first-and-last mile transportation from the max or the bus to places like Oxbow Regional Park.
- Access to nature.
- I have two small children, one that is in a stroller...I think about accessibility a lot!
- As a person of color/pre elder I want to be safe and not harassed by others for walking with my dog. People see signs that read no dogs; Signs do not state Service Animals only.
- Off-leash dogs are unsafe for some individuals.
- Can Metro partner with groups that meet to hike/bike/explore certain sites? That allows for more welcoming spaces.
- Neighborhood demographics.
- Better enforcement of keeping dogs on-leash (not sure how to do that).
- Accessing of information for all. The technology gap has been highlighted more than ever during the pandemic. How can we meet people where they're at when it comes to sharing information?
- Access to nature is important - break from the stress of work and congestion.
- Beautification is important - making sure that there are trash receptacles in BIPOC communities makes outdoor spaces feel taken care of and safe.
- Access is more than about geography. Need to feel welcoming and safe in parks and natural spaces.
- Wi-fi hotspots.
- More educational signage (for example, the nature patch in Columbia park teaches a lot about flowers and it makes me feel more engaged and encouraged to explore natural areas).
- Educational placards are great for engagement and learning. Plant identification, historical significance of place, etc.
- What are things that can make you uncomfortable? Dogs off leash, or unfamiliar circumstances. Especially important for trails in residential neighborhoods.
- 42nd Ave connecting to Columbia in cully is very dangerous, we need a trail!
- Have QR codes that you could scan at a site/trail to take you to maps.

- I am a Cully resident and frequently walk trails with my service animal. I like to be able to connect to other trails from my home.
- Disability access. Providing more places to sit for folks who need to take breaks or access to bathrooms
- Transportation potential.
- Nature walking only with no bikes.
- Staff who are available for in person information sharing (including maps, activity suggestions) and camaraderie.
- Gap completion.
- Digital connectivity hotspots in metro parks and trails.
- How do we provide information in other ways outside online? In person and packaged with other services.
- How do communities feel ownership over those?
- Things that make you feel unsafe, uncomfortable. What can we do to increase sense of belonging, being welcome in these spaces.
- I think it's important to create new paths in BIPOC communities. The map revealed a disconnect between the two.
- Can we expand traffic safety to safety in general?
- Safety first. Less crowded path.
- Not feeling safe on trails along. Are there things like call buttons along the way? Safety especially for women or female presenting individuals.
- Some of the paths I use need connection. Springwater and Fanno Creek for example.
- Traffic safety.
- Safety for women accessing trails and parks alone .
- Can we cultivate a sense of community ownership of trails, not neighborhood ownerhood ownership.
- Connectivity to destinations.
- I encounter a LOT of white people who have their dogs off-leash on trails natural areas, and there doesn't seem to be obvious ways to address this issue.
- Thinking of what is safe for some is NOT SAFE for others. When I see a lot of white folks... I don't feel "safe".
- Not knowing what amenities like bathrooms, benches if dogs are allowed etc. Makes going out harder. Better websites would help.
- Equity focus - low income, BIPOC, English Learners.



- For someone who didn't have a car, Gap completion and safety is very important. Access to Nature is nice but a lower priority.
- For cycling on paths, especially at night, I feel safer when there are reflectors or other visual cues in case my lights aren't extremely bright.
- Access to nature.
- Not being able to bring a dog on some trails feels vulnerable.
- Access to Nature. I think that the resources to direct people who use public transportation could be better integrated into a lot of the websites or pamphlets that share information about the area
- I worry about exploring trails that are in wealthy neighborhoods/suburbs (like Lake Oswego)I always feel unwelcome and like I'm not supposed to be there as Bipoc
- When talking mitigation of gentrification, how is the city doing this differently this time? Thinking of Max corridor and how the city dropped the ball at end of 10 year protection
- Gap completion.
- Safety in the outdoors is something that I have heard about from members of our group who have had negative experiences with others who aren't accustomed to encountering BIPOC in these spaces.
- Reflective paint on the lanes and to distinguish between bike and traffic lanes could be very helpful for Accessibility, in addition to reflective clear signage.
- Safety.
- What does Land Back mean to Metro? Why does the website have colonizer history (naming white architects but not native lands and plan forward).
- I bike a lot as I don't qualify to drive so having lit up paths is very important to me. Especially during winter and rain season.
- Importante de tener letreros en diferentes idiomas
- "important to have signs in different languages"
- Seguridad y de conexiones a otros lugares
- "security and connections to other places"
- Para pasar tiempo con la familia y disfrutar de la naturaleza
- "to spend time with my family and enjoy nature"
- Como nos involucramos en estos proyectos?
- "how do we get involved in projects?"

- Hay unos hombres que se juntan en un sendero cerca de mi, pueden hacer algo?
- Hay areas que no son seguros para caminar - se necesita senales o banqueta para caminar - en la vecindad de Cully
  - "There are areas that are not safe to walk - there needs to be signs or sidewalks in the Cully neighborhood"
- Seguridad es muy importante para los ninos y las familias
  - safety is very important to children and families"
- I want to know that people who look like me will be safe and the trails will be designed with our needs in mind.
- Disfrutar la naturaleza y tener senderos seguro para nuestros niños
  - "enjoy nature and have safe trails for our children"
- I think they're good aspirational factors but there are others missing.
- Sentir segura, especialmente como mujer, y tambien de disfrutar de la naturaleza y escapar de la contaminacion y ritmo de la ciudad.
  - "to feel safe as a woman, to enjoy nature, and escape the pollution of the city"
- Muy bonito para salir con los hijos y demostrarles como disfrutar de la naturaleza y de los animals.
  - "it's nice to go out with the children show them how to enjoy nature and animals"
- Pedestrian crossings near trailheads are important.
- De-estresarse, mas retirados de la ciudad.
  - "to relax, and get away from the city"
- Enseñar a los ninos los diferentes tipos de animales que viven en la naturaleza.
  - "teach children the different types of animals that live in nature"
- I am concerned about the gentrification of trails and neighborhoods.
- When I think about traffic safety, that's very important but also just personal safety especially being on the trail by yourself.
- I love tool stations. They seem to always happen when I don't have mine.
- I hike a lot with my husband and two children, and we feel the need to carry protection in case we are attacked because of our race.
- Accessibility for wheelchairs is definitely important, as well as places for folks who
  - *this comment is unfinished*
- Having user friendly maps when you are using a trail that you're unfamiliar with.

- Places to sit or rest, and drinking water.
- Same for me about personal safety. My friend showed me the Columbia Slough Water trail last weekend via kayaks, and there were some sketchy places we didn't put in at because we were worried about our safety.
- Public transportation to trails - is very difficult to find for folks without vehicles. And then yes, parking is a big issue.
- Accessibility (wheelchairs and proximity to where people live), lighting, safety, trashcan.
- Making places for elders to sit and rest.
- I've worked with students who live in neighborhoods without any sidewalks or trails for that matter and when we try to discuss in class, it takes a while for the importance of pathways to sink in; they've just gotten used to it.
- Seems certain demographics have different uses for trails .
- I think about how to do more "hybrid" commuting where I'm able to access trails/paths from public transportation on my way to work.
- I love when there are portapotties on trails!!
- Bathrooms along trails.
- Are no-dog trails a possibility?
- I am also concerned about gentrification due to trails - they are a combination of transportation infrastructure and parks - both of which are known factors in gentrification. It takes a lot of work to stabilize community before transportation infrastructure comes in. Lessons from MAX in North Portland...
- I do think about lighting on trails with heavier bike traffic .
- When I think of traffic safety - I'm afraid it may be too close to urban areas.
- On some trails, the parking is really limited or in a weird spot without much signage, so sometimes it's hard to find or even know about good parking spots. Or the parking is along the highway where it isn't super safe, too close to fast-moving traffic.
- I think that the trails could cause gentrification to pick up its speed, and possibly hurt our homeless neighbors.
- My concern is also more bikes- and how that will impact our trails. I do hate to see more asphalt in our natural areas.
- I always want more access to nature, and especially the water bodies (Willamette River, Columbia Slough, and Columbia River in North Portland), but I don't know where all the trails are or how they connect.

- More lighting.
- I dislike being on a trail and having to walk along the major road due to gaps.
- Safety for walking and cycling to connect to places such as Blue Lake Park.
- My neighborhood, Parkrose, lacks access in relation to these factors.
- I don't have a car and bike most places so it would be awesome if the entire city was connected by trails.
- Accessible for disabled people of all abilities.
- Access to nature, community demographics, safety, connectivity to destinations.
- As a female, and POC, I think of what I am wary of: I won't go alone on trails, think of transportation to and from trails, time of day, and access to cell, etc.
- With my BIPOC cycling community.
- Safe way to get to transit stations on foot and bike.
- I would love to be able to access the mountains for hiking via bike trails.
- Would love more bike designated areas on the road for safety from traffic.
- Neighborhood demographics is the most important to me. To provide close trail access to the community most in need.
- Would love for there to be spots along the trail to fill up your water bottle and pump up your tires.
- When I look at which trails to use, I always check to make sure that there's not a gap where I will be walking alongside traffic.
- It would be so nice to not have gaps between trails.
- I'm interested in the safety factor of the trails.
- Safe access and connectivity.
- I'd love to see some education on the trails.
- Especially with 3 young nephews, I'm very interested in ensuring spaces are safe, clean, and well-maintained (well lit, not too remote).
- Accessibility to nature and safety.
- More greenways on the East Side, past 82<sup>nd</sup>.
- A space to break away from the grind.
- Access to native plants.
- A space for friends & family to spend time...safely.
- Connected and safe bike paths for bike commuters on the eastside: students, people commuting for work and recreational riders.

- Safety not only on trails but at destinations (transport terminals, nature spots, etc.).
- A safe place to be in communion with nature.
- Intentional.
- Learning about native/indigenous plants and ecosystems.
- Access to my plant relatives.
- Instead of parks it needs to be community gardens with food being grown by community. More effective use of space.
- Trying to walk without traffic noise.
- Please utilize empty spaces for community gardens, trees, flowers, little gardens that are visually artistic especially near highways.....all that land is so wasted.
- Trails need to be wider for safety and more engaging with places to sit and relax openly and also for community engagement if needed.
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## Question 2: What other information should be considered or incorporated into the current tool?

- Safety for BIPOC folx. Often, I do not feel safe to be/access these spaces. How can Metro let white people know that these trails are for everybody?
- Indigenous cultural knowledge of the land and trails people are hiking. Respecting the spaces of the animals that live on the trails.
- How and where to find park information? Not everyone has access to internet to look things up
- Historical narrative of area.
- Is the current tool able to be flexible and shift as community needs change/more BIPOC input?
- Quantitative and qualitative assessment on impact of proposed plans.
- Interpretive signage that goes beyond land acknowledgements and clearly states that this is STOLEN land.
- Multiple languages.
- Naming more parks after BIPOC folx.
- Indigenous names of the trails/land.
- Investments that complement other public health benefits, like trees along trails.
- Equity of funding. What areas/communities have been neglected when it comes to funding trails?
- Community engagement, beyond input to use.
- Safety for marginalized communities beyond traffic safety.
- The safety of BIPOC when accessing these trails.
- Existing orgs that are ideal for promoting spaces. I want to be able to connect with nature individually and pass that on to our communities.
- How does the funding for these trails intersect with other Metro initiatives? Examples: Willamette Falls project, Willamette Cove clean up, affordable housing bond, supportive housing services bond, etc.?
- Personal safety is missing, but a lot of us are concerned with it (see first page).
- How are you including lower income folks and bipocs at the decision-making and implementation stages (not just the feedback stage)?
- My concern is about upkeep for the trails ...who will be responsible? How can we encourage our youth to be part of these projects to learn about our natural areas - and be a part of the building?

- We do have a lot of homeless neighbors who live on or near trails and they should be considered in these questions/included in these conversations as well.
- Names for trails that do not honor colonizers. Especially those with history of exploiting BIPOC and other vulnerable people.
- Potential for programming / education. I.e. Indigenous plants and wildlife.
- With future meetings like this, maybe some prep material people can scroll through to be more familiar with. Timeline of what steps came about when.
- Looking at access through an equitable lens.
- Lighting and safe entry points.
- Safety access.
- Schools who need safe routes.
- Meetings like this on a regular basis with the community, appreciate the accessibility accommodations.
- Connecting both people and wildlife trails/paths.
- Consistent space between waste receptacles so we can keep spaces and trails clear of debris.
- Could the trails incorporate commerce for underrepresented folks somehow? Food trucks from the BIPOC community? Just throwing ideas out there...
- Important Indigenous historical or cultural sites that need protection by NOT putting a trail in.
- Lighting for sure on the trails from a safety perspective.
- Proximity to nature areas that are. In particular. Thriving with indigenous plants. Ensuring that such areas are set aside would be great. Our community is hearing about a camas field in Eugene being paved over and it would be a shame for this to happen to local areas and local resources.
- Are there sensitive plant or animal species that should be protected by NOT putting a trail through an area.
- How about more opportunities to drink fresh water on the trails?
- Other information to be considered will reveal its self in time by use.
- Wondering about frameworks & modalities - like critical race theory as a tool in the development.
- Transparency around pesticide use (round up or others) along trails that might be contaminating medicinal herbs that POC and other herbalists might otherwise cultivate/engage with (respectfully).



- I'm interested in how trail development and increased access to nature will be handled given, in my personal experience, its signifier for the gentrification of an area.
- <---- I agree with this one. Often greening spaces leads to gentrifying spaces.
- Ways to efficiently and validly gather data, create and share reports publicly, and using it for improvements.
- Planting native/pollinator friendly plants around the trails instead of typical grass.
- Balancing the number of city, county, or state parks that are already in the area.
- Considering if trails could be made from environmentally supportive materials.
- We need to give more space to Indigenous first foods.
- Whether and to what extent input in these community sessions comes from neighborhoods with fewer Metro assets.
- How trails connect to urban agricultural spaces/community gardens.
- More interpretive signage.
- Concern for children's health around chemical weed management (spraying along roads and paths).
- Maybe partnering with local orgs like Get hooked- focuses on getting BIPOC youth in the outdoors, donates life vests, and fishing tackle.
- Connections to other parks.
- Language (signs at trailheads and informative resources).
- Access to gear.
- Also education for BIPOC adults.
- Outdoor educational resource access.
- Connection to cultural centers; BIPOC spaces; housing centers, schools that are disproportionately BIPOC.
- Access to the trails themselves— is this covered in these factors? Not just access to nature but also access to whatever the trail brings access to?
- How trails resources can contribute to reparations efforts and also the consequences/burdens of land buying -- how is this considered?

### Question 3: What comments or questions do you have about this process?

- Agree with the blue sticky notes. Symbols can have different meanings in different cultures.
- The symbols are helpful, but I feel like you could have an entire session for each one. It's a lot to process in one session and it's hard to remember what they all are.
- Have you included the indigenoious/Native people/tribes of the area for a round table discussion as you are attempting with us today.
- How did Metro engage with BIPOC communities to develop the tool? This is the first time I am hearing about all of this.
- Let's not apologize for needing to provide interpretation in rooms. Having multi-lingual feedback is essential to this process and should be fostered and not shamed.
- Consider hosting different cultural specific group for inputs.
- How are indigenous peoples of these lands included in this process? How can they lead this process?
- Can we do pre-townhall check-in by providing questions for discussions ahead of time so we can also do our own research and discussions and come prepared for a discussion with the bigger group?
- More ways to engage aside from jamboard - access for folks on the phone!
- I appreciate the process and hope there are more opportunities to engage at different days and times - and more opportunities for folks who don't have computer access.
- How are you creating accountability to the communities you are asking for input.
- People of the global majority.
- Just how much input is taken seriously and executed.
- How transparent will this process be? How will you ensure that the communities most effected will be notified about the progress about the Trail Bond?
- I'm just concerned about the funding aspect. I've been in a similar feedback session with the Native community, and it was the same thing. Metro does great work, but the funding seems really limited compared to the need.
- Is Metro prepared to offer non-cash incentives to property owners to accomplish trail connectors?
- How will the BIPOC community help in the designing portion - to make sure our thoughts are considered?
- How/Who is integrating all of this community input into the "tool?" How can you ensure equitable interpretation of what is being shared?
- What does the accountability process look like for Metro?

- Does the funding cover new signage?
- What's the timeline? This bond was passed in 2019 - how long before we see trails built in our communities?
- I like the inclusivity and awareness of needs when reaching out to diverse community for input!
- Curious as to lack of proposed trails in the SE Portland (or. NE Portland) area(s) at large. This is where the majority of my local tribal community lives/works and it doesn't seem like the proposed trails are near communities.
- East Portland desperately needs safer ways to reach downtown on bike. Speeding and poorly maintained streets make it unsafe.
- Is Rocky Butte something on Metros' radar?
- What is the timeline for getting natural areas opened? You have a number of properties are still not open. What is taking so long?
- I think it's a beautiful idea for our community to be able to have sense of (though small) freedom.
- Timelines for checking in with the community along every step of the way.
- How Metro will alert surrounding areas of this new trail development? What will engagement look like during COVID? How it will make sure that this information is accessible to different racial/ethnic groups?
- I know it's been named as a concern, however, bumping again being aware of how opportunities like this lead to gentrification.
- How do you know when you've gotten sufficient input from all critical demographics and if they're from the neighborhoods that will be impacted by Metro taxes and development?
- Tools and timelines for assessing community need & flexibility to change course if things don't align with community need.
- How will you train contractors to interact with houseless communities?
- How are you going engage with: homeowners, renters, and houseless individuals; English speakers, people for which English is their second language, and non-English speakers; long-time residents and new immigrants; business owners and employees; pedestrians, including those with a disability or other mobility issue; dog owners; environmental and climate activists; and any number of different communities or groups. Different groups have differing relationships to government, such as fear or distrust related to historical or generational trauma in some Indigenous, Black, refugee, and other communities.
- How many more community engagement meeting will you have? How will you engage different communities in different neighborhoods? I don't want to see these

two Trails Community Meetings just be a box to check off to continue work on these trails without more outreach in the different communities.

- Are we going to keep conducting these forums?

#### Question 4: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

- What are the next steps for BIPOC involvement in this process?
- I'm involved in this conversation because I'm a community leader. Metro should reach out to community members with the support of community leaders like myself for a community education opportunity.
- Can we break out actionable tasks in the process to define what equity means for each of these? Ex. How does equity in all processes feel/sound/look like in concrete actions or examples.
- More time would be helpful with this meeting. These are incredible important conversations and it felt rushed.
- Roundtable for each community to deeply understand their needs and challenges.
- I own a VERY LONG tandem trike. Standard bike racks are not too usable. Same for folks with cargo bikes.
- Concerned that BIPOC comments/input could be overwritten by influential/biased neighborhood organizations with deep resources, or by politics.
- DEFINITELY link in with region wide trail building efforts. The attempt to build a trail along the Banfield freeway has been going on for a while.
- Can there be signage that is clear about teens using spaces so other adults don't throw shade? How to provide non-police assistance to folks in need.
- ^^ agreed
- It would be cool to have more biking trails to rivers.
- No wonder I - LAKE
- I think gathering a group of BIPOC community members once or twice is a good (minimal) step -- but how can you have a community committee that is also providing oversight throughout the duration of the project(s)? Thinking specifically of Indigenous folks regarding land stewardship.
- Continued honorarium for community members or citizen oversight committee members.
- It would be great to create an ArcGIS Online web mapping application with multiple layers for the public to visualize and prioritize: Existing, planned, proposed trails; water trails; parks and natural areas; neighborhoods with prioritized demographics; major services (medical, grocery, etc.).
- And if you're going to include a BIPOC community oversight committee for the duration of the project - how can you equitably compensate them for their time as "consultants?"

- Thinking about what we're experiencing along existing trails and our unhoused community members. Peninsula Crossing Trail is unusable as a trail right now. How to provide enough housing and shelter to make sure public space is accessible to all?
- Add art to trails!
- I think just doing more signage and advertising about where trailheads are...maybe some wayfinding projects in certain neighborhoods, like how they have in Cully...would help increase access. Just knowing where things are or that something is even available is the first step to greater access.
- Blue Lake Park needs to have a safe trail to Fairview and Gresham area. So close but not accessible without a car. Youth in our Indian Education Program could not take advantage of summer work experience programs there.
- Ability to bike safely to Whittaker Ponds.
- Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak.
- I hope you all will be able to implement what you learn from these sessions.
- East county has poor Trimet north/south routes. More trails for this. To connect to transit and other locations such as schools and shopping, also medical.
- I am weary of the idea of adding more policing to these trails. That does not make me feel safe as a Brown person. I go on trails to get away from the idea of being profiled by armed law enforcement.
- Thanks for the opportunity to participate, I'd love to be involved in future events. Brought up idea of Indigenous naming of trails, areas.
- Promotion and programming for using these trails. Making sure there's implementation of bike and mobility sharing so ppl can use trails.
- Thank you for this space. I like seeing accessibility to forums like this. Community outreach in different forms would be a huge impact.
- Creating spaces that aren't intensely anti-houseless. Eliminating those benches with the weird half bars that don't allow folks to sleep on them, etc.
- Making sure architecture isn't anti-houseless.
- I appreciate the intentionality and proactivity with gathering feedback and learning.
- Once one's dignity is eroded, it is exhausting to continue to contribute.
- It is programmed within us to not trust.
- Maintain the trails in a beautiful manner.
- Access to nature is an important factor for people to connect to an area and be invested in its growth so seeing Metro being intentional and approach this with care makes me glad.
- I can't wait for more wonderful weather and be adventurous with my family.

## Community questions

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- Can Metro partner with groups that meet to hike/bike/explore certain sites? That allows for more welcoming spaces.
- Can we expand traffic safety to safety in general?
- How do we provide information in other ways outside online? In person and packaged with other services?
- Can we cultivate a sense of community ownership of trails not neighborhood ownership?
- When talking mitigation of gentrification, how is the city doing this differently this time? Thinking of Max corridor and how the city dropped the ball at end of 10 year protection.
- What does Land Back mean to Metro? Why does the website have colonizer history (naming white architects but not native lands and plan forward).
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- Como nos involucramos en estos proyectos?
- Are no-dog tails a possibility?



- How does the funding for these trails intersect with other Metro initiatives?  
Examples: Willamette Falls project, Willamette Cove clean up, affordable housing bond, supportive housing services bond, etc.?
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