



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Agenda

Meeting: Quarterly Trails Forum
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Place: Hybrid -- Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland and [Zoom](#)

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome (5 minutes)
Ashton Simpson, Metro Council
- 10:05 a.m. Introductions and announcements (30 minutes)
All attendees
- 10:35 a.m. Oregon Trails advocacy update (10 minutes)
Stephanie Noll, Oregon Trails Coalition
- 10:45 a.m. BIPOC Nature Network (10 minutes)
Joy Chang and Matt Ruddy, BIPOC Trails Network
- 10:55 a.m. Columbia Levee Connector (15 minutes)
Sarah Iannarone, The Street Trust
- 11:10 a.m. Wy'East Way Placemaking (15 minutes)
Kristin Chiles, City of Gresham
- 11:25 a.m. Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail (10 minutes)
Tom Bouillion, Port of Portland
- 11:35 a.m. Sandy Riverfront Park and Trail (10 minutes)
Erika Palmer, City of Troutdale
- 11:45 a.m. Regional Trails Major Investment Strategy (7 minutes)
Layne Wyse, Metro
- 11:52 a.m. Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategy (7 minutes)
Noel Mickelberry, Metro
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Next meeting

Wed., January 8th, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hybrid -- Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland and Zoom

Statement of Inclusivity

The Quarterly Trails Forum is an inclusive and welcoming space. Participants commit to treat each other with respect, with zero tolerance for obscene, hateful, or racially derogatory language that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Participants have honored this in the past and we appreciate your support in continuing to do so.

Oregon Trails Coalition Update



Policy Makers Ride Recap



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How life moves®

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PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

Beaverton
OREGON



Westside
Transportation
Alliance

Upcoming Trainings

- Accessibility Assessment and Inclusive Information Training with Access Recreation: Today Online and 10/16 in Salem
- Aikido Love Training with Love Is King: 10/18-10/19 in Portland
- First Aid/CPR for Trail Crews: 11/4 in Oregon City



Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit

In Partnership with the Oregon Trails Summit

December 5-7, 2024 • Sunriver

OREGON TRAILS
COALITION



- Registration is Open
- Shuttle confirmed from Portland
- Field Workshop Registration Opening Next Week
- Scholarships still available



Advocacy Update

- Recreational immunity
- Trails in a Transportation Measure
- Federal Trails Advocacy Roundtable



Recreational Immunity

- Protects landowners who open their land to the public free of charge
- New protections established this year sunset in 2026.
- We're still getting reports of trail closures and development stoppages
- Legislative workgroup hosted by Senator Prozanski
- **Anticipating bill removing sunset clause.**





Safe. Clean. Fair. Accountable.
Transportation for a **thriving** Oregon.

What's happening in 2025?

Our transportation system is running out of money. Our legislature is trying to fix it.

They'll need to consider:

- Declining gas tax revenue
- Maintenance backlog
- Historic increase in traffic deaths & injuries
- Transportation carbon emissions rising
- $\frac{2}{3}$ majority req'd for revenue package



A win looks like:

Passing a revenue package

- get Oregon on track towards reliable funding for the future

Raising funds in a fair and sustainable way

- design progressive revenue tools with climate and equity in mind

Investing in our priorities:

- safe networks for walking, biking, and rolling, including funding for trails, public transit and paratransit, transportation electrification, and reducing the need to drive

Holding our institutions accountable

- Strengthen oversight for ODOT and accountability mechanisms for major transportation projects to stay on track with our safety and climate goals beyond 2025



JCT Listening Tour

Listening Tour Complete.

Next up: Work Groups!

Location	Notes	Date
Downtown Portland	Group 1 – First Stop	Tuesday, June 4
Tillamook	Group 2	Tuesday, June 18
Albany	Group 3	Tuesday, July 16
Eugene	Group 3	Wednesday, July 17
Coos Bay	Group 4	Wednesday, August 7
Medford	Group 4	Thursday, August 8
Ontario **	Group 5	Wednesday, August 28
Hermiston **	Group 5	Thursday August 29
Bend **	Group 6	Thursday, September 12
The Dalles **	Group 6	Friday, September 13
Salem (VIRTUAL)	During the September legislative days meeting at the Capitol	Wednesday, September 25
Happy Valley	Group 1 - Last Stops	Thursday, September 26
Hillsboro	Group 1 - Last Stops	Friday, September 27



Trails in a Transportation Measure

- Trails are the backbone of active transportation networks
- Trails create safe places for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike
- Trails help communities meet VMT reduction and climate goals support local tourism economies
- Trails increase access to nature and health and wellness

What we need:

- Policy language to include walking and biking infrastructure in major capital project corridors to leverage more federal funding
- \$85-\$100 million/biennium for Oregon Community Paths: Fill the \$60 million biennial funding gap.



Federal Trails Advocacy Roundtable Priorities

- Address USFS Staffing Crisis
- Renew Great American Outdoors Act funding for deferred maintenance
- Full Funding for Recreational Trails Program



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BIPOC NATURE NETWORK

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BIPOC NATURE NETWORK

ABOUT US

Who are we?

- Established by way of the Oregon Trails Coalition with funding from Metro

Current Members

- Joy Chang, Co-Chair, Champion
- Matt Ruddy, Co- Chair, Trailkeepers of Oregon
- Mel Huie, Champion
- Pam Slaughter, PDX People of Color Outdoors
- Anita Yap, Multicultural Collaborative
- Will Cortez, BikePOC PNW
- Ahmed Yusuf, City of Portland Parks & Rec
- Michael Yen, Knot Studio
- Greg Wolley, Creating Tomorrow's Workforce
- Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez, Getting There Together
- You



BIPOC NATURE NETWORK MISSION

The BIPOC Nature Network was created to reconnect ourselves to the land and the earth. Centuries of colonialism and capitalism have intentionally separated People of Color from their ancestral roots. We seek to **empower BIPOC communities in reconnecting to nature through trails and outdoor recreation.**

We are seeking ways to contribute to ongoing efforts while expanding **opportunities for advocacy and strengthening networks for greater awareness.** We strive to create a diverse and welcoming environment where all individuals can safely enjoy and contribute to the natural world. The BIPOC Nature Network acknowledges the work and labor of a wide range of people and organizations. We believe that our strength is contributing to ongoing efforts and continually **connecting coalitions.**



BIPOC NATURE NETWORK CORE VALUES

Fundamental **Core Values** for the BIPOC Nature Network:

- **Representation** (Trail Planning, Management, and Decision-Making Processes)
- **Fostering connections** with people and nature
- **Respect** for the history of land and culture
- Strong, supportive **networks and partnerships**
- **Empowering communities** with leadership opportunities and equitable involvement
- **Changing systems** that, intentionally or unintentionally, exclude diverse people from the outdoors

- **Oregon Trails Coalition Webpage -**
(Presence - Mission/Values)
- ** Facebook -**
(Networking - Events/Announcements)
- ** Instagram -**
(Future - Photos/Media)



BIPOC NATURE NETWORK



DIVERSE TRAIL CHAMPIONS

- **10 Internships to Diverse Youth in cooperation with their organizations and/or individually**
- **Youth ages 18 to 22**
- **Focusing on outdoor recreation and trail mentorship**
- **Nov - Dec: Position Descriptions and applications co-created with BNN.**
- **January - March: Applications open, recruitment, selection**
- **April – August: Service**
- **August - September: Project Reporting & Future Partnership Planning**



BIPOC NATURE NETWORK

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIPOC AFFINITY LUNCHEON

**OUTDOOR RECREATION
SUMMIT**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
SUNRIVER RESORT**

THANK YOU

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A close-up photograph of a green leaf, showing a dense network of veins. The veins are a lighter green color, contrasting with the darker green of the leaf's surface. The veins form a complex, branching pattern across the leaf.

BIPOC NATURE NETWORK

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GRESHAM

Wy' East Trail Legacy Project

With the Community, For the Community



WY'EAST TRAIL

 Wy' East Way Trail

 Light Rail Line

- ~ 2 mile, 12-Foot wide, flat, paved path.
- Connects Rockwood, Civic and Downtown Commercial Centers.
- Runs next to the light rail line.



Regional Connector



Local Connections





Vision

- Meaningful engagement, collaboration, and co-creation of a shared vision of trail amenities alongside residents.
- A safe, enjoyable, and inclusive space that feels welcoming and reflective of everyone in our community – a legacy for all to enjoy.

Community-designed trail amenities that contribute to:

- Quality of life.
- Healthy activities.
- Social connections.
- Access to nature, housing, jobs, transportation.
- A sense of safety, welcome and belonging.

Why Now?

- Rockwood: Completion of City development project that includes jobs, housing, international cuisine food hall/marketplace.
- Civic Neighborhood: New 95,000 SF County flagship library & master planning visioning.
- Downtown: Thriving local business hub/additional residential developments/master planning vision.

Trail Activation Concepts



Safety



Signage & Wayfinding



Activation



Community & Cultural Art



Seating & Comfort



Lush Habitat



Stormwater



Amenities

Project Considerations

- **Center relationships:** Collaborative rather than transactional approach
- **Promote transparency:** Mindfulness of community lens-accountability, transparency, trust, relationship building.
- **Create value for external partners/residents:** avoid repetitive engagements/community/CBO overload.
- **Minimize negative impact and burden to residents:** Ensure community-focused value.
- **Diverse representation:** Consider the everyday experiences and priorities of our residents.
- **Think from the resident's perspective:** Coordinate/leverage existing related resources.

Community Building

- Gresham Senior Center
- School District
- Gresham Historical Society
- WeBelong PDX
- P:ear- Bike works
- Bikes 4 Humanity
- Latino Network
- Slavic Community Center
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- NARA NW
- Center for Advanced Learning
- Lewis and Clarke Montessori School
- PSU Urban Design Studio assessment
- Mult Co REACH
- Tri-Met
- One on ones with community members
- Civic Academy workshop 10/8
- Partnering with other Depts to leverage resources
- EngageGresham.org
- Community events

Timeline

PHASE 1

Community Engagement

Funded by Metro 2040 Grant

Summer/Fall 2024:

- Building Connections within community.
- Gathering experiences, ideas on what amenities residents would like to see on the trail.
- Installation of smaller, collaborative projects with community (ex: plantings, small play features, art, etc.)

PHASE 2

Larger Amenity Funding/Installation

Will need to seek funding once list is determined

Fall/Winter 2024:

Prioritize larger projects with community & seek funding.

Spring 2025:

Installation/construction.

Summer 2025:

Celebrate shared accomplishments/showcase new amenities.

Continue ongoing

STAY IN THE LOOP

Visit

EngageGresham.org/WyEast-Trail-Project

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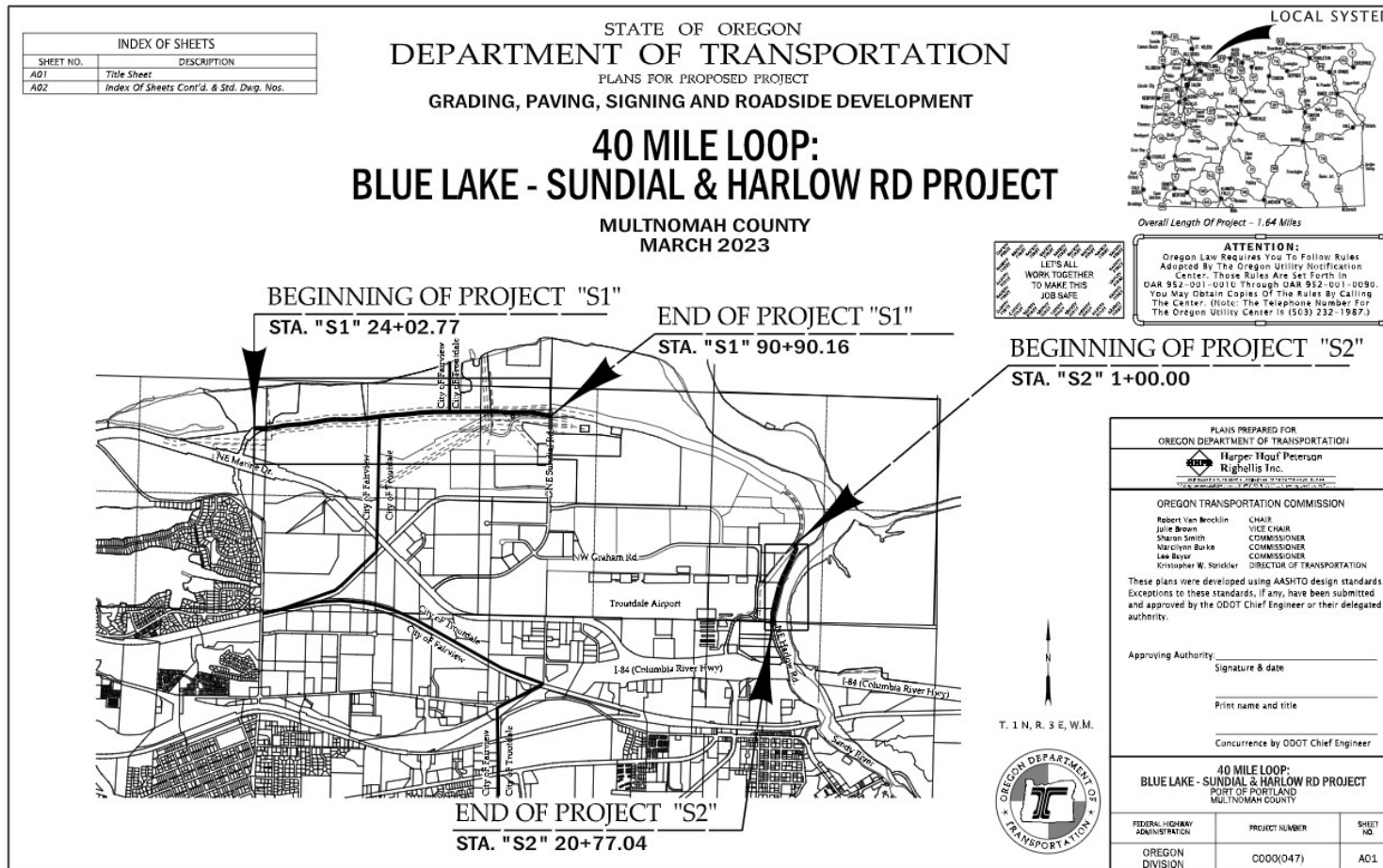
Ch'ak Ch'ak/40 Mi. Loop Trail Project Update

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Location & Background



Many Partners, Many Years, Many \$ Sources



Recent Trail Images



223rd Terminus Looking East



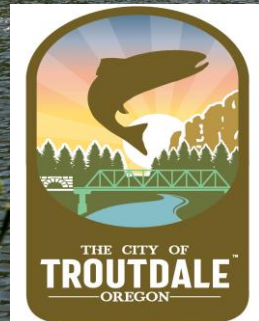
Harlow Rd. Section Looking South



Harlow Rd. Terminus Looking North

Questions?

Sandy Riverfront Park & Trail





NW 257th Ave

NW 257th Way

NW 257th Way

Mount Forest

SW Kendall Ave

SW 2nd St

SE 2nd St

SE 2nd St

Harlow Ave

SE Kibling Ave

SE 2nd St

NE Dr

one park project
two trail networks
infinite impact

*future multi-use path to
Wood Village & Fairview
(potential 40-Mile Loop)*

McMENAMINS
EDGEFIELD

HALSEY STREET

*future connection with
Wabun Trail (Levee Trail)
and 40-Mile Loop system*



*existing connections along
I-84 bridge to Sandy River Delta
& Lewis & Clark State Park*

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The
Confluence
Site

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE
NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

DOWNTOWN
TROUTDALE

regional visitor center &
future Gorge bike hub

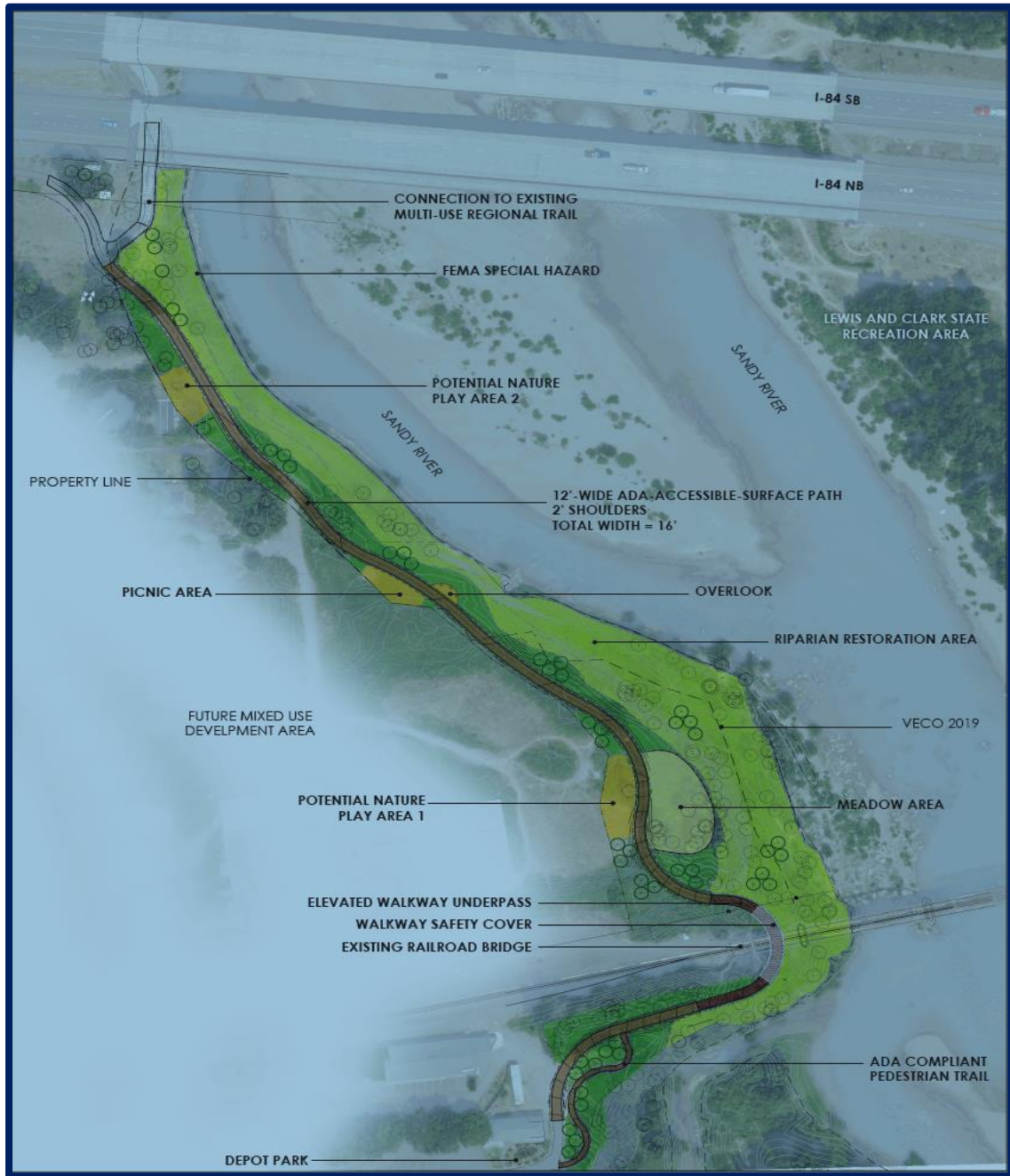
Broughton
Bluff



*future connections to
Mt. Hood Community College
and Gresham (40-Mile Loop)*

*existing connection
to Glenn Otto Park and
Historic Columbia River Hwy*

Strong connections to Downtown and the Sandy River exist already, and enhanced access is already planned and funded



Questions?

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