



Bethany Creek Trail #2 Segment 3

Neighborhood Meeting #2/CPO 7 Meeting

Bethany Presbyterian Church

15505 NW Springville Road, Portland, OR 97229

Monday, September 10, 2018 @ 7:00PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

CPO chair, Cindy Thackery, gave the team the floor. THPRD project manager Matt Kilmartin, introduced attending team members:

- Matt Kilmartin – THPRD Project Manager
- Mark Hadley – WHPacific Consultant Project Manager
- Rob Russell – THPRD Project Coordinator

Matt discussed the meeting objectives are:

- Project update
- Review Preferred Master Plan
- Receive public input

2. Project Overview/Update

Matt gave a brief project update covering the following topics:

- Project Goals and Information
 - Goal: Trail connectivity
 - Goal: Complete segment 3 of Bethany Creek Trail
 - Segment C1.3 on the Trail System Map of THPRD's 2016 Trails Functional Plan.
 - Classified as a community trail; shared use trail.
 - Trail connections to: Rock Creek & Westside regional trails, Kaiser Woods Park and Natural Area, north Bethany via pedestrian crossing at Springville Road.

- Amenities include: neighborhood connections, pedestrian street crossing, wayfinding, nature viewing, and limited site furnishings.
- Approximately ½ mile in length (0.44 miles) almost entirely within the BPA powerline right-of-way.
- Permitting jurisdictions: Washington & Multnomah Counties
- Estimated project budget: \$1.1M
- Progress to Date
 - Project began: March 2018
 - Public outreach period: June – September 2018
 - Neighborhood meetings: June & Sept 2018
 - Nature & Trails Advisory Committee: June & Sept 2018
 - Public mailers, site notices, project web page.
 - Land use pre-application meetings:
 - Multnomah County pre-app: April 2018
 - Washington County pre-app: August 2018
- Process and Timeline
 - Public comment period will end on Sept 17, 2018.
 - Seeking THPRD Board of Directors' approval of Preferred Master Plan on 10/16/18.
 - Land use agreement w/ BPA: Winter 2018/19
 - Land use approvals: Spring/summer 2019 (9 months)
 - Construction: Summer 2020 (4 months); completion Sept/Oct 2020

3. Preferred Master Plan Review

Mark Hadley presented the major elements of the preferred master plan.

- Plan refinements based on public input received to date
- Preferred trail alignment
- Pedestrian crossing at Springville Road
- Trail grades / accessibility
- Design challenges
- Reducing impacts to natural resources & adjacent land uses

4. Open Discussion and Public Input

- Consider some type of barrier between trail and farmland to deter public activity on farmland.
- Have you reached out to the farmland owners and farmer? Yes
- How have the conversations gone regarding conflicts?

- Staff has reached out to land owners and farmers.
 - Working with farmers to determine best type of barrier system desired.
 - Still need to determine Mult. Co. and BPA conditions before selecting a solution.
- Without a fence, there is no place to post “no trespassing” signs.
 - President of Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) stated that she was surprised to see that we are still showing the trail on EFU zoned land because the Multnomah County planner said the trail would not be permissible in that zone. Mark Hadley corrected her by responding that the Multnomah County planner had only said that permitting the trail on EFU land would be a challenge, and that planner never said it was not permissible. The FPNA president acknowledged the correction.
 - Someone commented that this is the first project where THPRD is developing on EFU zoned land.
 - TVWD uses a private road which is partially within the BPA right-of-way for access to their water reservoirs.
 - This trail would be beneficial because connection to old Bethany requires crossing lots of streets and walking past a lot of driveways.
 - Consider parking conflicts if people want to park near the trail.
 - Is there parking on Springville Road or Shackelford Road? No.
 - Consider safety with westbound traffic speeding through proposed pedestrian crossing.
 - The pedestrian crossing is really needed. It’s an important part of this project.

No other concerns were raised and attendees were generally supportive of the project.

CPO 7 representative stated that CPO would provide a letter of support for the project.

Key comments from attendees were recorded on a large piece of paper at the front of the room, and the presentation was brought to a close. Attendees were reminded to submit comment cards and also that public comment would be accepted online (refer to the project web page) until September 17, 2018.