

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-045

Supporting and Acknowledging the Westside Trail Master Plan.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In 1992, the Metro Council adopted the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan, including the Regional Trails and Greenways Map (amended December 1992, again in July 2002 and most recently in October 2008).
- b. The 1992 Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan and Regional Trails and Greenways Map identified the Powerline Trail as a regionally significant trail connecting the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers and the cities of Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, King City, and parts of Multnomah and Washington Counties.
- c. The Board of Commissioners of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ("the District") changed the name of the Powerline Trail to the Westside Trail.
- d. In December 2011, Metro, in coordination with Multnomah County, Washington County, (collectively referred to as "the Counties") the cities of Portland, Tigard, and King City (collectively referred to as "the Cities"); and retained the firm of Parametrix to lead Westside Trail master planning work.
- e. The Westside Trail Project Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was created in 2012 and included staff and citizens from the Counties, the Cities, the District, the Bonneville Power Administration and Portland General Electric; to advise Metro and Parametrix throughout the master planning work.
- f. Metro and Parametrix with the assistance of the Committee conducted extensive analysis on the impacts to natural resources as well as public involvement during the master planning work in order to identify a trail alignment and trail design that would be beneficial for public users of the new trail and supported by the all the governments and other entities identified herein.
- g. The Westside Trail Master Plan (the Plan) was completed and received approval from the Committee.
- h. During the public outreach process, Metro and Multnomah County heard significant concerns regarding impacts to wildlife habitat and water quality with respect to one of the alternative proposed Westside Trail Segment 5 routes through unincorporated West Multnomah County.
- i. Multnomah County Land Use Planning recommends that the County seek from Metro additional refinement to the study, analysis and resolution of these potential impacts at Westside Trail Segment 5 alignment prior to implementation of the Plan
- j. Multnomah County will not build, install, maintain, operate or have any responsibility for the ownership or management of any non-public road sections of the Westside Trail installed, constructed or developed within the County.

- k. The proposed alternative public road Westside Trail alignment within Multnomah County identified in the Plan affects only one county road, NW Springville Road, and consistent with identified improvements to NW Springville Road in the County's Capital Improvement Plan.
- l. The proposed alternative non-public road Westside Trail alignment within Multnomah County is consistent with policies set forth in the Westside Rural Multnomah County Transportation System Plan to coordinate multi-use trail transportation needs with Metro (Goal 2, Objective A) and to the development of a transportation system that supports the rural character of West Multnomah County (Goal 3).
- m. The proposed alternative non-public road Westside Trail alignment within Multnomah County is also consistent with policies set forth in the West Hills Rural Area Plan to maintain and enhance recreational values of Forest Park and adjacent areas (Policy 15), and support and promote the placement of links within a regional trail system for use by pedestrians and bicyclists (Policy 16).
- n. Metro's 2006 Natural Areas bond measure provided funds to purchase trail easements for the Westside Trail from willing sellers, and the Metro Council's adoption of the Plan will allow that work to begin in earnest.
- o. The Plan will be considered for approval or acknowledged by the city councils of Tigard and King City, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Commissioners, and the Washington County Board of Commissioners in April 2014.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and acknowledges the Westside Trail Master Plan, appended hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners directs staff to consider the Westside Trail Master Plan in its future land use and transportation plans.

ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



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