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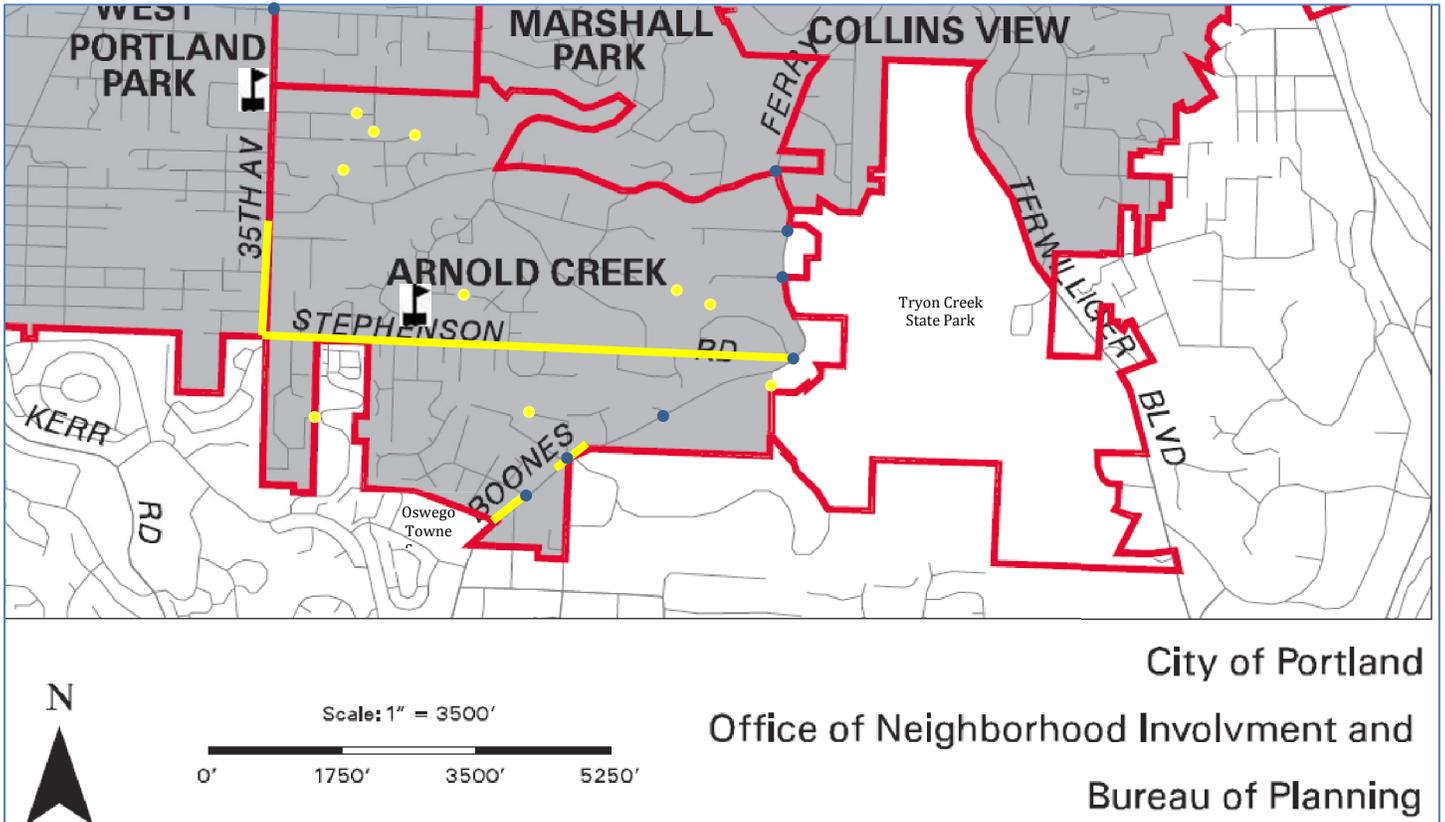
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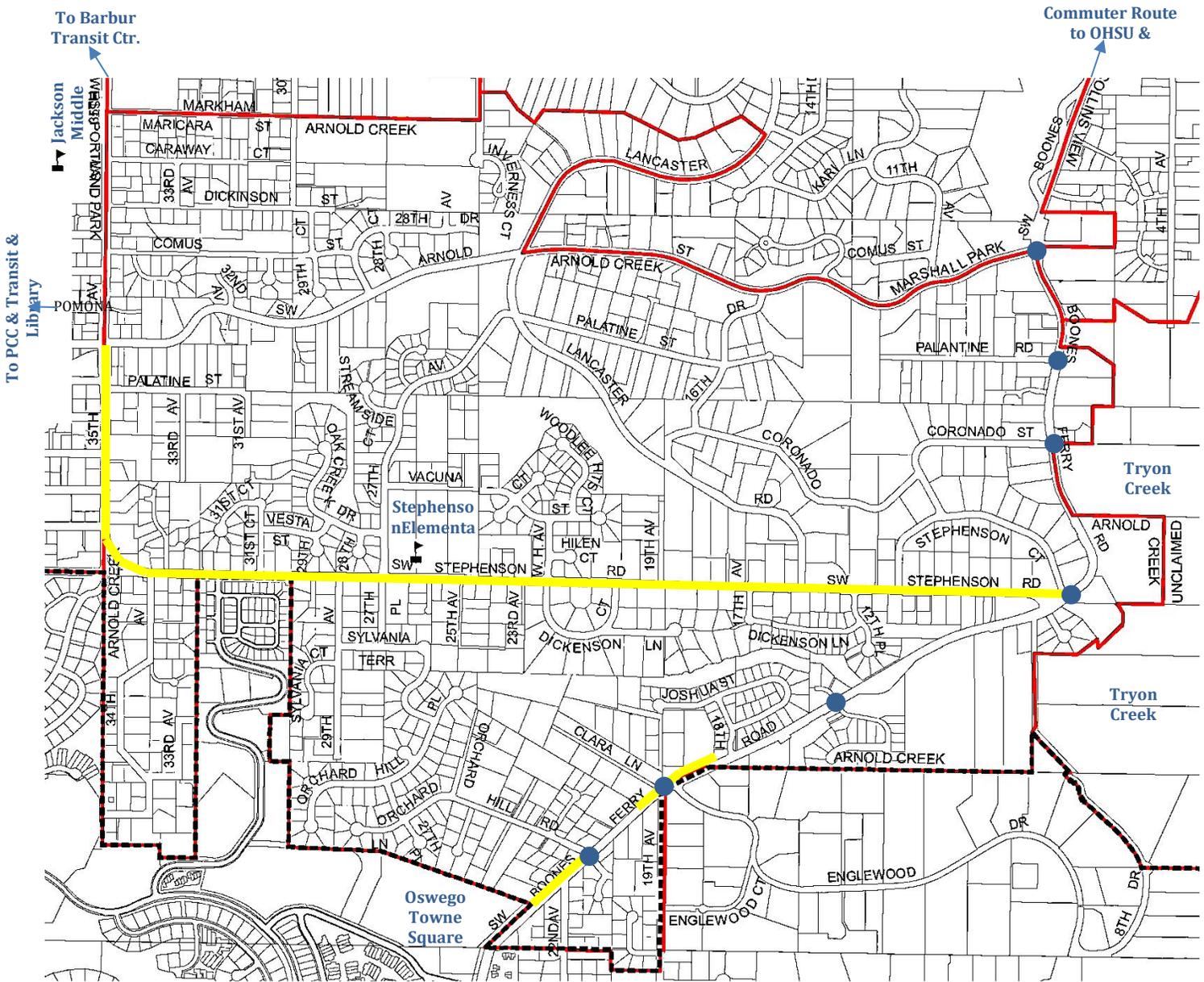
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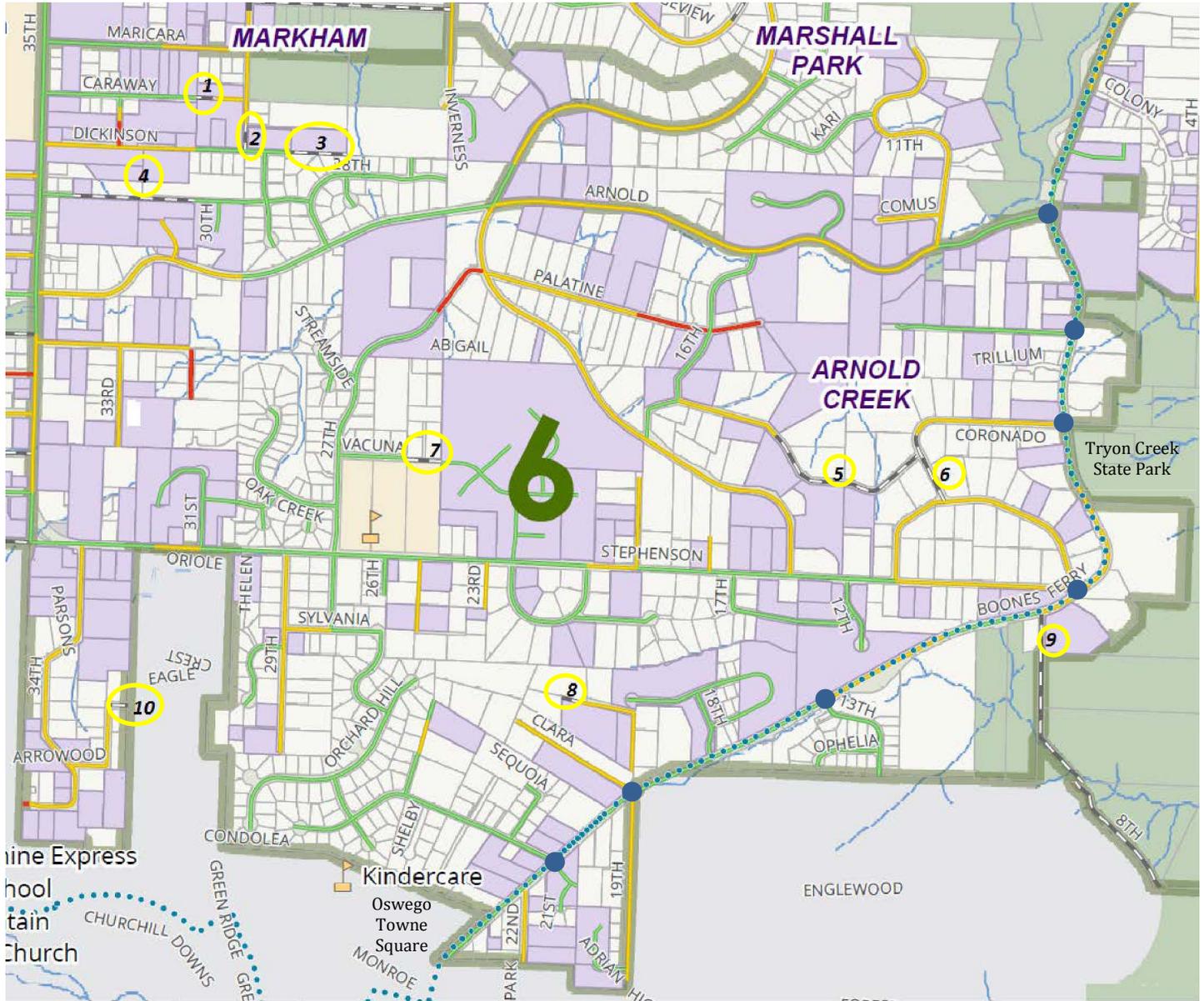
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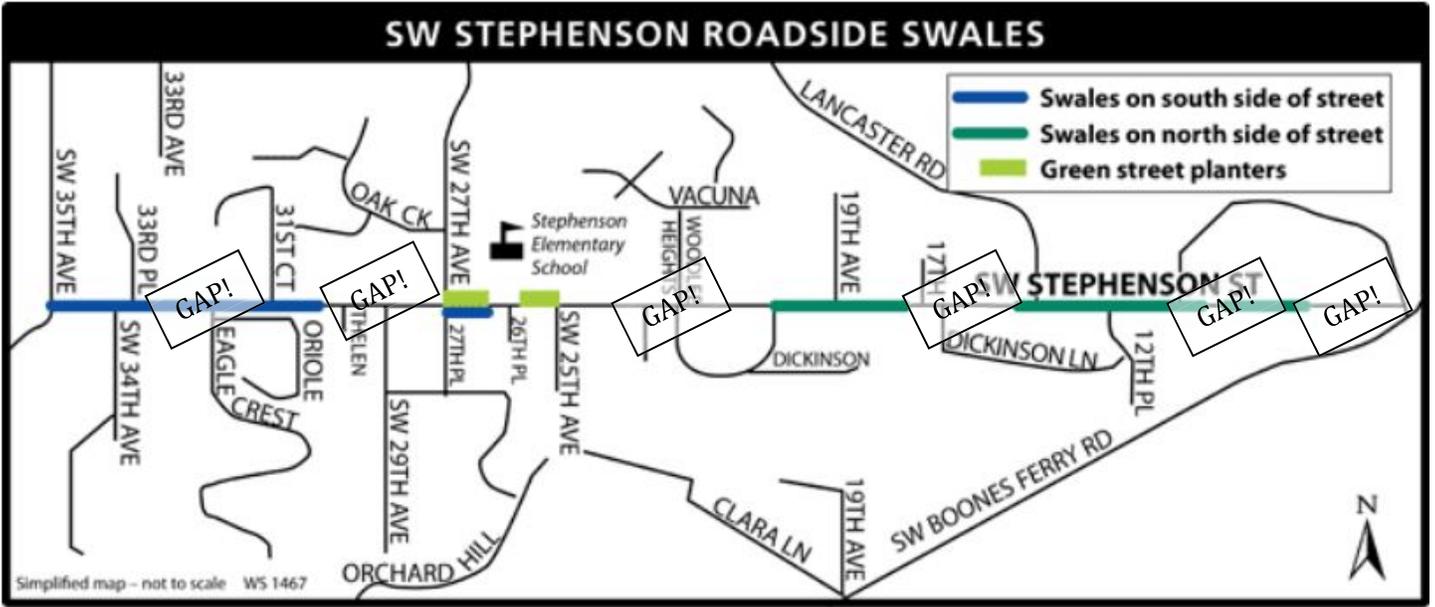
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| 2                              | 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Improve steps   |
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| 5                              | Coronado St.          | Yes                | Yes                          | Good connector to transit on Boones Ferry Rd. and Boones Ferry entrance to Tryon Creek State Park                                     |
| 6                              | Coronado Ct.          | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Part of SW Urban Trails (shown on Urban Trails map). Surface of northern end soggy in wet season – should be improved                 |
| 7                              | Vacuna St.            | No                 | Yes, particularly for biking | North of school grounds. A shorter connector than path on school grounds.   |
| 8                              | Boones Ferry Ln.      | No                 | No                           | -   |
| 9                              | 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.  | No                 | Yes                          | Connect to Tryon Creek State Park; nearest existing trail in park is currently ~1,000 feet away                                       |
| 10                             | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Existing demand trail connects to Eagle Crest Dr. through ~75 feet of Residential Land owned by Eagle Crest Apts of Oregon Ltd.       |

OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Picture of typical shoulder on main artery in Arnold Creek Neighborhood  
- pretty, but not very safe for walkers and bikers



MAP4. Stephenson – gaps in extended shoulders:



Stephenson extended shoulders between Lancaster Rd. and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave - great for parking!?

Collapsed swale edge between Thelen and 31st Ct



Most Dangerous Section of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave – between Coronado and Arnold Streets – looking North



SW 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. - looking south from intersection with Arnold St. towards Buddington Street



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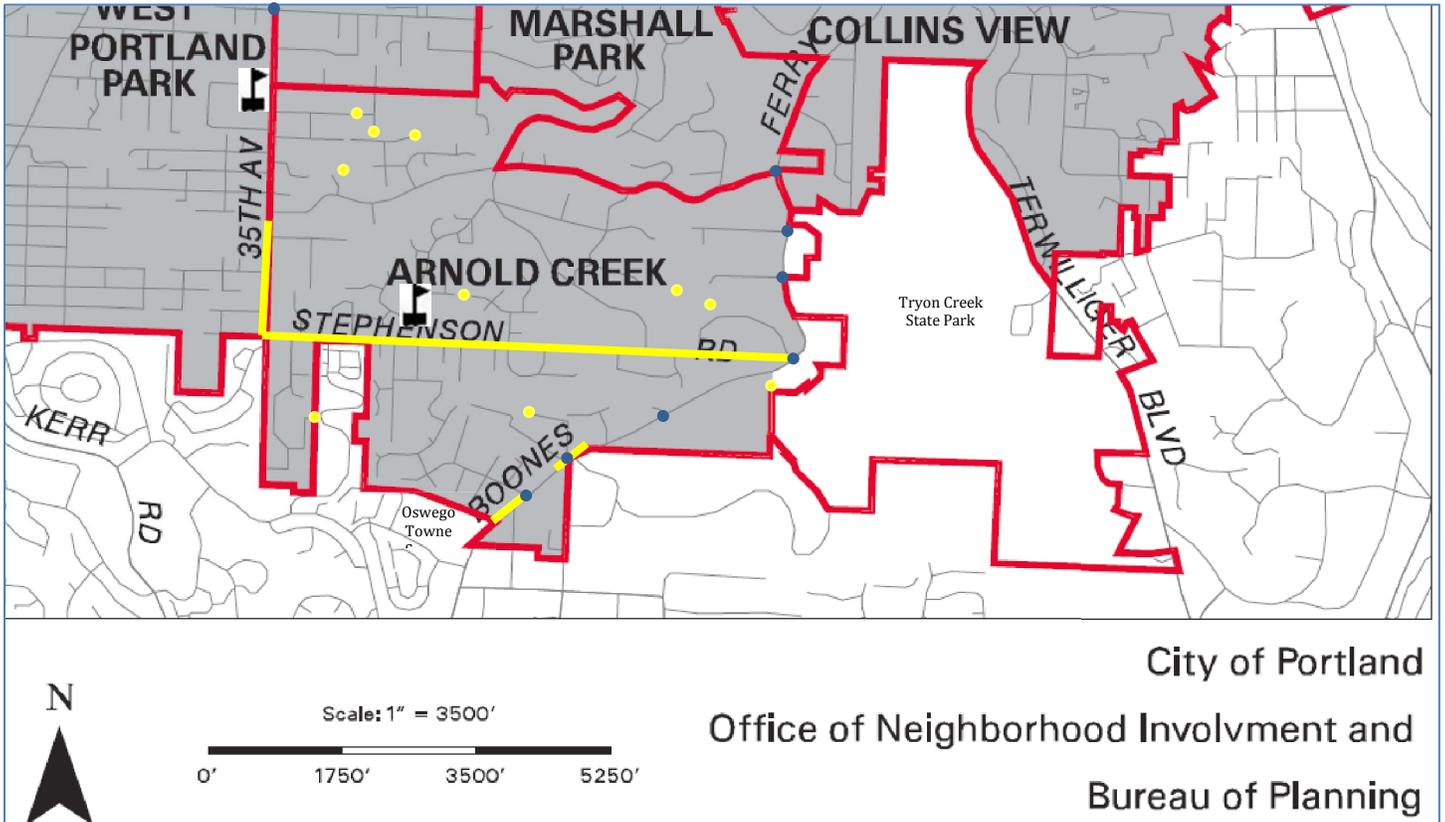
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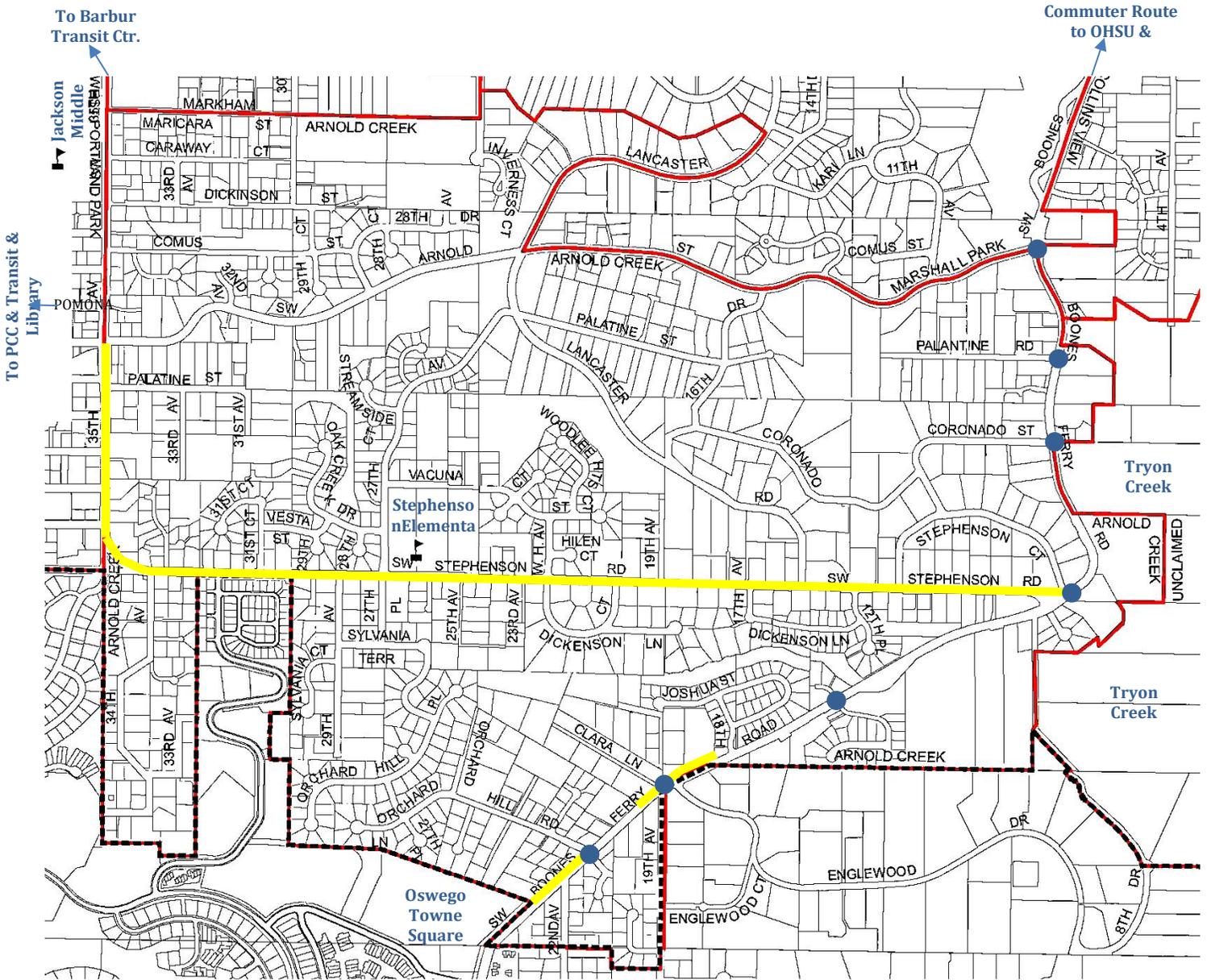
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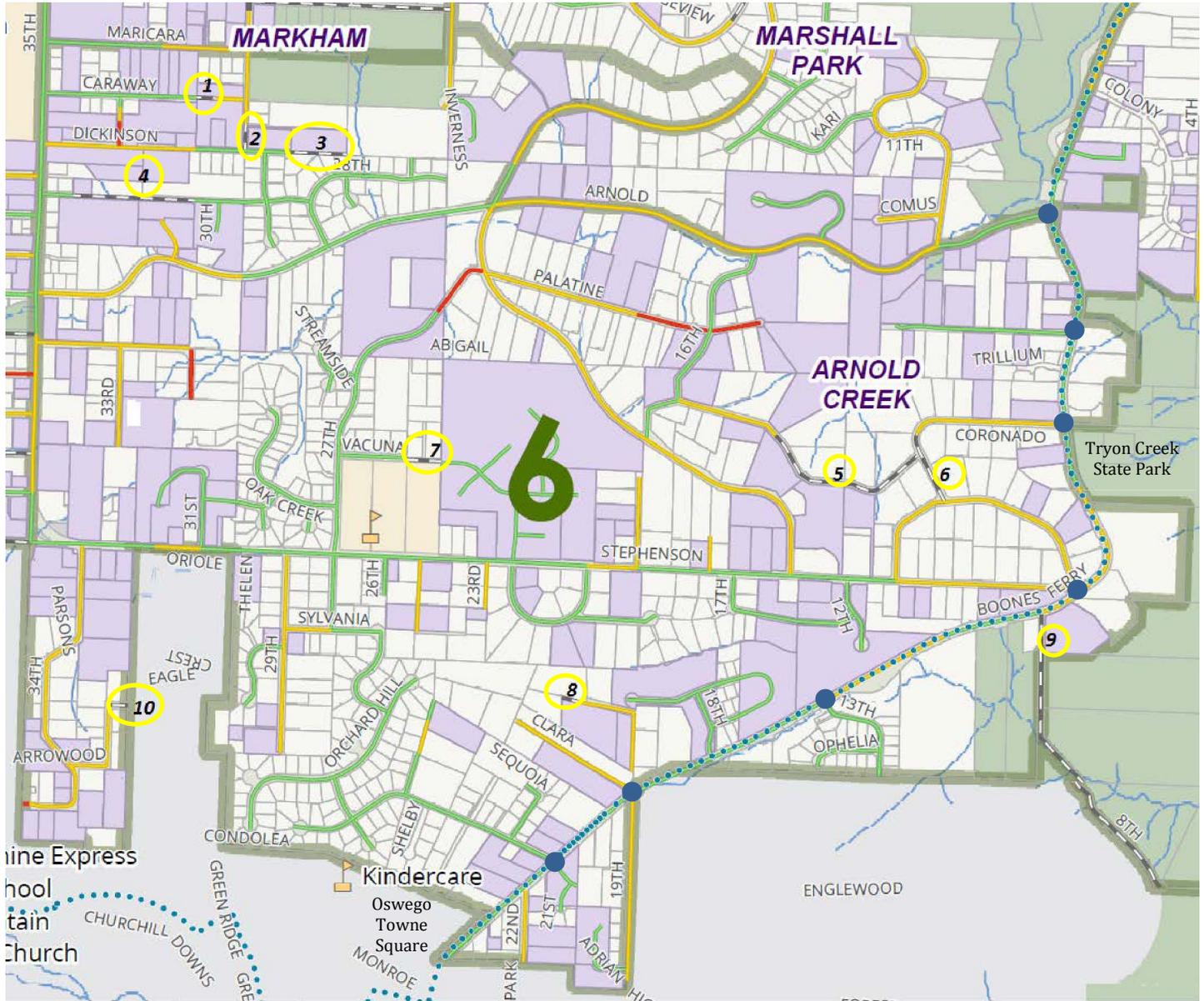
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MAP2. EXTENDED SHOULDERS, SIDEWALKS, BIKELANES, ETC.:



**MAP 3. RIGHTS OF WAY:**

The picture below was snipped from the Portland Street Surfaces map<sup>1</sup>. Ten (10) rights of way were identified. They are indicated on the snip and described in further detail in the table below.



<sup>1</sup> The rights of way segments within Arnold Creek neighborhood that are impassable to motorized vehicles, but not necessarily to pedestrians, are identified on the “Portland Street Surfaces” map; this map is an 80 MB PDF file available at: [www.portland.oregon.gov](http://www.portland.oregon.gov) - services menu - local improvement districts. The map uses the following signature for these segments:



| <b>Number<br/>On<br/>Map 3</b> | <b>Street Name</b>    | <b>In<br/>use?</b> | <b>Future<br/>potential?</b> | <b>Notes</b>  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1                              | Caraway St.           | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Improve tilt  |
| 2                              | 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Improve steps   |
| 3                              | Dickinson St.         | No                 | Yes                          | Could connect to future environmental tract developed from 10701 SW 25 <sup>th</sup> property and from there to Maricara Natural Area |
| 4                              | Comus St.             | No                 | Yes                          | Alternative, safer, route to 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave. than Arnold St.; competes with Dickinson St. for this status                       |
| 5                              | Coronado St.          | Yes                | Yes                          | Good connector to transit on Boones Ferry Rd. and Boones Ferry entrance to Tryon Creek State Park                                     |
| 6                              | Coronado Ct.          | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Part of SW Urban Trails (shown on Urban Trails map). Surface of northern end soggy in wet season – should be improved                 |
| 7                              | Vacuna St.            | No                 | Yes, particularly for biking | North of school grounds. A shorter connector than path on school grounds.   |
| 8                              | Boones Ferry Ln.      | No                 | No                           | -   |
| 9                              | 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.  | No                 | Yes                          | Connect to Tryon Creek State Park; nearest existing trail in park is currently ~1,000 feet away                                       |
| 10                             | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. | Yes                | Yes, continue use            | Existing demand trail connects to Eagle Crest Dr. through ~75 feet of Residential Land owned by Eagle Crest Apts of Oregon Ltd.       |

OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Picture of typical shoulder on main artery in Arnold Creek Neighborhood  
- pretty, but not very safe for walkers and bikers





Most Dangerous Section of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave – between Coronado and Arnold Streets – looking North



SW 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. - looking south from intersection with Arnold St. towards Buddington Street



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| <a href="#">Chase Bank</a><br>7 Monroe Parkway<br>503-635-0008                     | Suite 407A  | <a href="#">Lake Oswego Dental Centre</a><br>9 Monroe Parkway<br>503-635-3431   | Suite 300C  |
| <a href="#">Columbia Sportswear</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-636-6593            | Suite 100H  | <a href="#">Lake Oswego DMV</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-299-9999             | Suite 300D  |
| <a href="#">Elements Therapeutic Massage</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-387-3205   | Suite 100U  | <a href="#">Mud Bay</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-387-5659                     | Suite 100W  |
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| <a href="#">Great Clips</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-635-1044                    | Suite 100Q  | <a href="#">PostalAnnex+</a><br>3 Monroe Parkway<br>503-635-3830                | Suite 100P  |
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