

TRYON CREEK AT BOONES FERRY CULVERT REPLACEMENTIF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Testimony for March 21, 2017 City of Portland Agenda Item 280 regarding "Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement Project No E8682"

Hi, my name is Hans Steuch. I live in SW Portland, fairly close to where the Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement project will take place. I pass that location – the intersection of Boones Ferry Road and Arnold Street - frequently, both on foot and by car.

I am a volunteer with SWTrails and it is mainly as such that I am before you today. We work on the Trails system in SW Portland including Trail 6. Trail 6 starts in Goose Hollow downtown, goes south from there and ends in Tryon Creek State Natural Area. On its way it passes through Marshall Park and the Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement project area. Trail 6 is also part of a regional trail, number 24 as designated by Metro, also called the "Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail".

SWTrails have been active on the Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement Project Advisory Committee and in advocating for this project. We support the overarching environmental goals of the project of making improvements for fish and wildlife. Our main interest is for the subsidiary project goal of improving pedestrian connectivity between the city owned Marshall Park and the state owned Tryon Creek Natural area.

Connectivity currently exists, but you have to cross busy Boones Ferry Road and walk on a narrow curb for a tenth of a mile on the road. The culvert replacement project will eliminate these drawbacks by providing pedestrian passage under the roadway, stairs to the roadway and a widened shoulder on the eastern side of Boones Ferry Road to the nearest trailhead – North Creek – in Tryon Creek State Natural Area. This promises to be a much safer and attractive connection for pedestrians to move between park lands north and west of the Boones Ferry Road/Arnold Street intersection and Tryon Creek State Natural Area.

Thank you!