



BRIDGETON

Bridgeton Neighborhood Association

January 24, 2022

Mr. Eli Spevak
Chair, Planning and Sustainability Commission
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Portland OR

VIA Email

Re: File number R/W 9235

Dear Mr. Spevak,

The Land Use Committee of the Bridgeton Neighborhood wishes to raise our concerns with the proposed street vacation near NE 33rd and Marine Drive. The easement cited by this proposed action is vitally important to the active transportation goals of Bridgeton. It is an essential link in the completion of the 40 Mile Loop. Our correspondence with the 40 Mile Loop Trust indicates that they were unaware of the proposed vacation and are concerned about the yet to be proposed easement on the south side of the property.

A Board member stated his position in an email to me, "Concerns that I have revolve around the additional length of the trail segment and low radius corners on any replacement trail alignment that will obstruct visibility and safety for trail users. The current right-of-way provides an alignment that is direct and ideal for the Marine Drive Trail. I note that Parks & Recreation has asked for a 30 foot wide easement. Without a specific alignment, I cannot support Parks & Recreation's position."

The property owners have stated that they want to develop a truck washout station and a gasoline and diesel fueling station. The property in question is in a floodplain. The property abuts the Columbia River and the Peninsula 2 and MCDD levees. We urge the Commission to impose a condition of approval that the proposed use be subject to the most stringent requirements given the proximity to the Columbia River, ready penetration of the water table and environmental impact of fuel oil spills and effluent coming off the trucks.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns with you.

Sincerely

Erik Molander
Chair, Land Use Committee
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