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# Memo

**Date:** October 1, 2024  
**To:** Planning Commissioners  
**From:** Ari Del Rosario, Planner I  
**cc:** Julie Ocken and Sandra Wood  
**Re:** SE Caruthers St, east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave

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On October 8, 2024 the Planning Commission will review an application to vacate a segment of right-of-way (ROW) at SE Caruthers St, east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## Staff Recommendation

Staff proposes that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the vacation to City Council with conditions outlined in *Section IV* of the *Staff Report*, including:

- Connecting curbs and establishing a standard (11ft) wide pedestrian corridor.
- Obtaining a Minor Improvement Permit to do the curb closure and sidewalk construction as PBOT development review has specified or provide a performance guarantee for the work. Petitioner may also need a new encroachment permit for the stairs connecting to the sidewalk at the north side of the work as it looks like it matches into an area that will be rebuilt.
- Installing new ADA ramps at each corner of SE Division St. and SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Adding a new sidewalk segment along SE Division St. between SE 68th Ave and SE 69th Ave where grass currently exists within the public right of way. The newly planted tree appears to be on private property, and is not required to be moved. However, if any roots damage the sidewalk at this location, the repair of the sidewalk will be the responsibility of the Petitioner. It is recommended to relocate this tree back 5-10 feet from the property line to prevent any future root damage to the sidewalk.
- Ensuring adequate private easement(s) are provided to cover the existing sanitary lateral for 2219 SE 66th Avenue (located in the ROW to be vacated), to the satisfaction of BES. The existing lateral may need to be located and surveyed in order to provide an easement in the correct location.

## Purpose and Background

### Purpose

- The primary objective of this project is to vacate this section of SE Caruthers St. with a graveled surface draining to R298252. There are no plans for any development at this time.



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## Background

- Peter Fry, on behalf of Warner Pacific University, is applying to vacate a segment of right-of-way (ROW) at SE Caruthers St, east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave. The stated purpose for the street vacation is to vacate this section of SE Caruthers St. with a graveled surface draining to R298252. There are no plans for any development at this time.
- The proposed street vacation area is an unimproved gravel street segment that is not maintained by the city. This east-west street segment 171' long by 50' wide, retains one connection with SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave and terminates at a dead end. The segment is currently used as rear parking access to Otto F. Linn Library. The library and other surrounding property are owned by Warner Pacific University.
- The site is located in the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood and is designated as Campus Institutional Zone 1. **Campus Institutional Zones** are designed to support institutions like medical centers and colleges that have developed as campuses. These zones aim to ensure that such institutions can grow and thrive while remaining compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. **Campus Institutional Zone 1 (CI1)** is intended for large colleges and medical centers located in or near low and medium-density residential neighborhoods.

## **Outreach and Engagement**

Notice of this street vacation request was provided to the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association; however, no response was received.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the above analysis, Portland Bureau of Transportation states that the right-of-way is not needed to provide future facilities. Approval of the street vacation will result in required sidewalk construction to maintain consistency with the street. Doing so is not anticipated to affect the functional performance of the street system in the Mt. Tabor area.

## **For more information**

See *Staff Report* for more information.

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