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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission

Subject: Red Electric Trail and pedestrian access

Dear city of Portland,

It seems that the city of Portland has been somewhat leaving SW Portland at the end of the muddy road:

No Sunday Parkways for 2015 on the entire west side of the Willamette River.

No rails-to-trails project for the Willamette Shore Trolley

The Red Electric Trail is very critical considering the deporable walking and bicycle condition on nearby routes of both SW Vermont Street and SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway.

Please do the following:

1. Include the reconfigured Red Electric Trail with the Slavin Road route in the first five years projects because:

A. It will provide a safe way for Portland and Washington County residents to get to the Hillsdale Town Center, the South Waterfront and Downtown Portland.

B. It follows a railroad grade and will be easy to use by young and old, timid and experienced.

C. Metro transportation models project the Red Electric will attract thousands of bicycle riders and pedestrians per day.

D. By rerouting bicycles and pedestrians off BH Hwy to the Red Electric west of Hillsdale, the need to immediately fix the Bertha/BH Hwy intersection for safety reasons decreases.

2. Include the combination extended shoulder 2 way pedestrian route and climbing bicycle lane on the uphill side of both Dosch Road and Marquam Hill Road. These are key SW connectors. In the case of Marquam Hill Road, it carries many trail users.

Sincerely,

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