

From James Mayer, 2011 SW Custer, for inclusion in the official record.
I am writing as a resident of Southwest Portland to urge you to include
Red Electric Trail in the five-year project list of the Transportation
System Plan.

The reconfigured trail with the Slavin Road route should be included because 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. It follows a railroad grade and will be easy to use by all users. Metro transportation models project the Red Electric will attract thousands of riders a day. Rerouting bicycles and pedestrians off Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy to the Red Electric west of Hillsdale, will reduce the need to immediately fix the Bertha Blvd/BH Hwy intersection for safety reasons.

I would also recommend reducing the importance and lengthen the
timing of the projects related to the intersection and the two bicycle
greenway projects which will not serve a large number of cyclists
because of the steepness of the grade.

The plan should also include the combination extended shoulder two-
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 4T walkers who are
visitors to our city, and is not safe by any measure.

Sincerely,

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