

We have been encouraged by the SW Trails folks to ask for support when working on the Comp plan for the City of Portland and also for the Bureau of Transportation. While their requests are pretty reasonable, I would ask that you take a broader look at the entire west side. Paths and trails are nice and hiking is said to be good for the stamina. However, we in the southwest have been paying property taxes, high water rates etc. and we don't even have the services that we have been paying for! Worse than that is our variable terrain which apparently is too tricky so projects for the flat eastside get the nod. We don't have sidewalks (thanks to the city for giving the builders waivers all these years) and the bike riders complain long and hard about the unsafe bike routes. We have asked for help on Capitol Hwy but appear to be held hostage by BES.

When oh when will the west side get some of the services, improvements and safety features that are provided in other parts of the city? I think the SW Trails folks have a different agenda but the bottom line is that we all want something for the west side. We are asking for consideration as these comp plans are rolled out. When will the southwest area be the top priority?

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