

## 2022 10 12 Testimony to Portland City Council on H to LO Trail Funding

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners

My name is Don Baack, I reside at 6495 SW Burlingame Place in Hillsdale - SW Portland.

I am speaking today to familiarize all of you with the Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Regional Trail. (Please click on the link to see the full 6 mile trail, click on any segment to see the details of same) The trail links two Regional Town Centers, goes through 3 parks and is key walkway for SW residents to shop, access transit and schools as well as a key recreational route. It is forested for more than 2/3 of its length.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Senator Wagner and Rep Salinas for their efforts to fund the total of \$900,000 improvements which includes these you are addressing as well as funds secured by SWTrails for volunteer led improvements to a segment of the trail, plus way finding and interpretive signage for the entire route through Portland and Lake Oswego.

SWTrails has applied for a PBOT permit to improve the trail and expect to receive it soon.

This is not the end of the story. We still need to motivate Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to complete about ½ mile of new trail connecting Marshall Park to the new bridge over Tryon Creek on Boones Ferry Road. The route presently uses a detour on city streets.

I also want to thank City staff Wendy Cawley, Mike Corrie and Steve Szigethy for the collegial manner they worked with me and SWTrails to get the cost estimates for a key crosswalk in time to obtain the funding.

Are there questions?

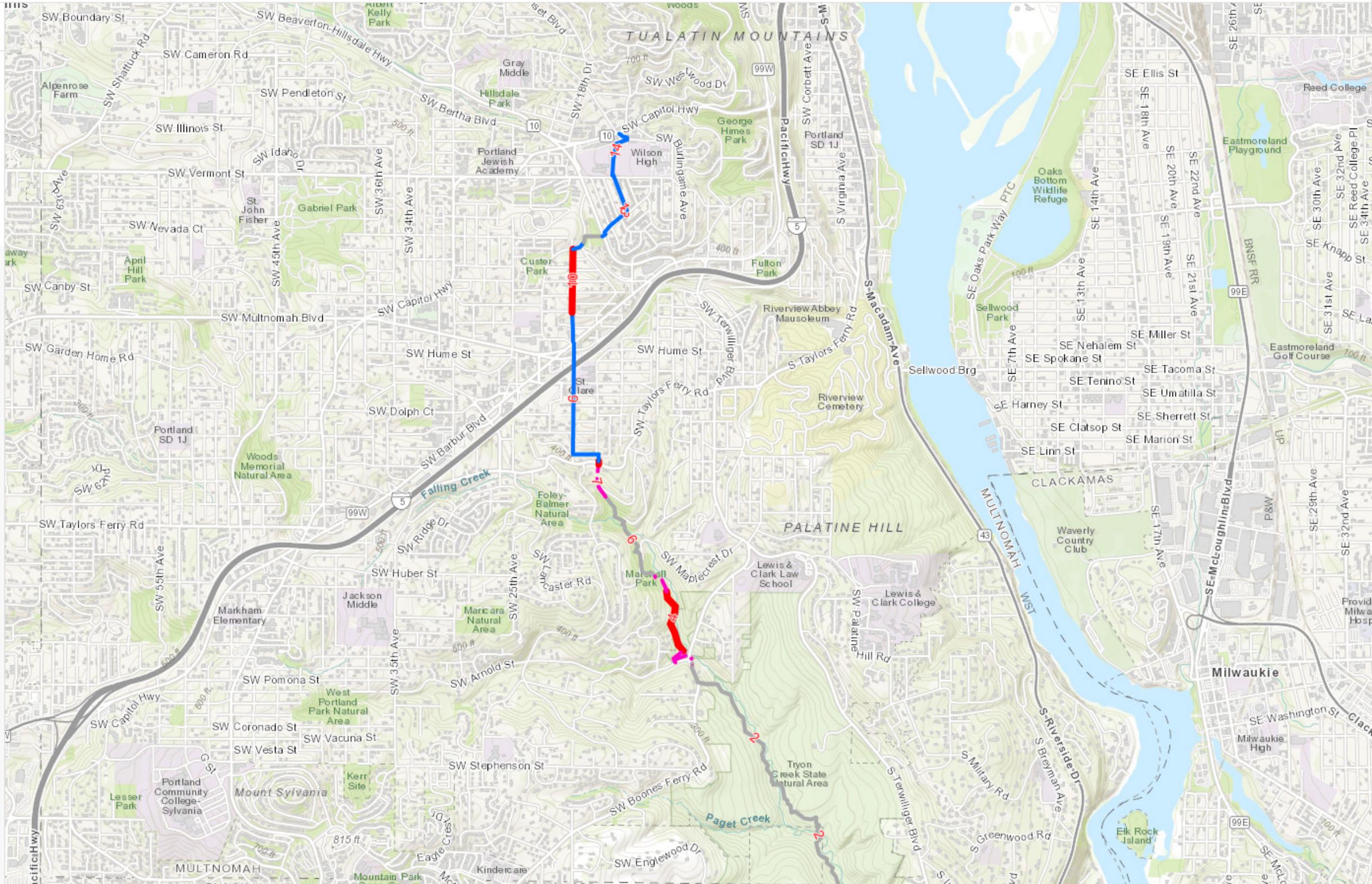
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Legend

Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail Segments - Lg Scale

STATUS

-  Existing Park Trail
-  New Trail
-  On-Street Trail
-  Earmark Request



**City Council Meeting - Wednesday October 12, 2022 9:30 a.m.**

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