### Proposed Street Vacation of: SE Caruthers St east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave (RWA #9443)





Staff presenting: Kevin Balak, Supervisor, Real Property Services

### **Requested Planning Commission Action**

- Staff highlights that the SE Caruthers St, east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave, right-of-way is not used or needed for transportation purposes.
- Requested action from the Planning Commission is to recommend APPROVAL of the street vacation request, with conditions, to City Council.

### **Street Vacation Purpose**

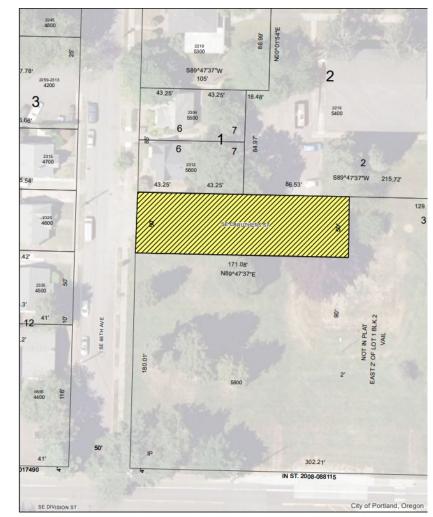
- The purpose of a street vacation is to extinguish the public's interest in street right-of-way or "Street Area".
- The City does not 'own' the Street Area in fee-title, but rather has an all-encumbering easement leaving the property owner with one remaining stick in the 'bundle of rights' – the right of reversion.

### **Street Vacation Approval Criteria**

- 1. The area proposed to be vacated is not needed presently and is not identified in any adopted plan for transportation uses.
- 2. The vacation does not prevent the extension of, or the retention of public services, transportation functions, etc.
- 3. Public services, transportation functions, or utilities can be extended in an efficient manner in an alternate location.
- The vacation does not impede the future best use, development, or access to abutting property.
- The area of vacation is not presently, or will not in the future be, needed as part of an interconnected system of public streets.

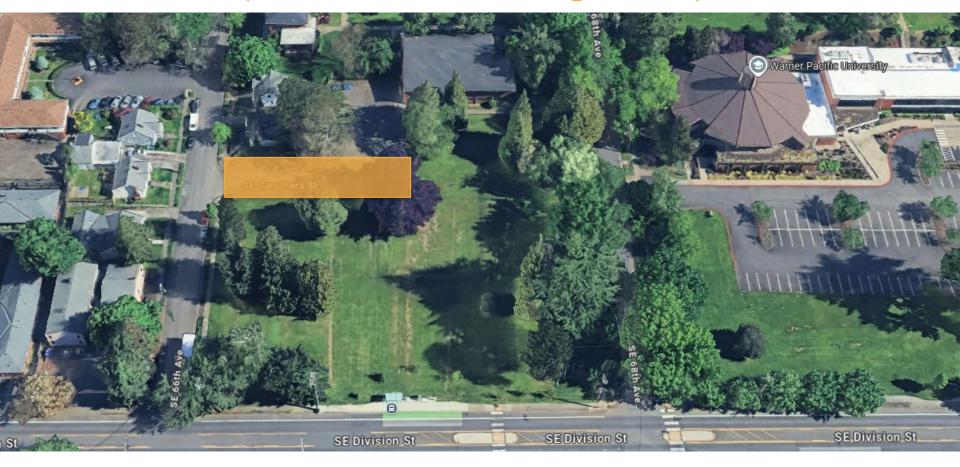
### **Street Vacation Area Proposed**

The stated purpose of the vacation is that SE Caruthers St. is a dead-end fragment of right-of-way that is no longer needed for transportation purposes. The street segment is extremely difficult to develop around and keep maintained. Warner Pacific University, the Petitioner, surrounds the street remnant with its campus.



SE Caruthers Street east of SE 66th Avenue

### **Current Conditions** SE Caruthers St east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave (Aerial View looking north)



### **Current Conditions** SE Caruthers St east of SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave (Street View looking east)

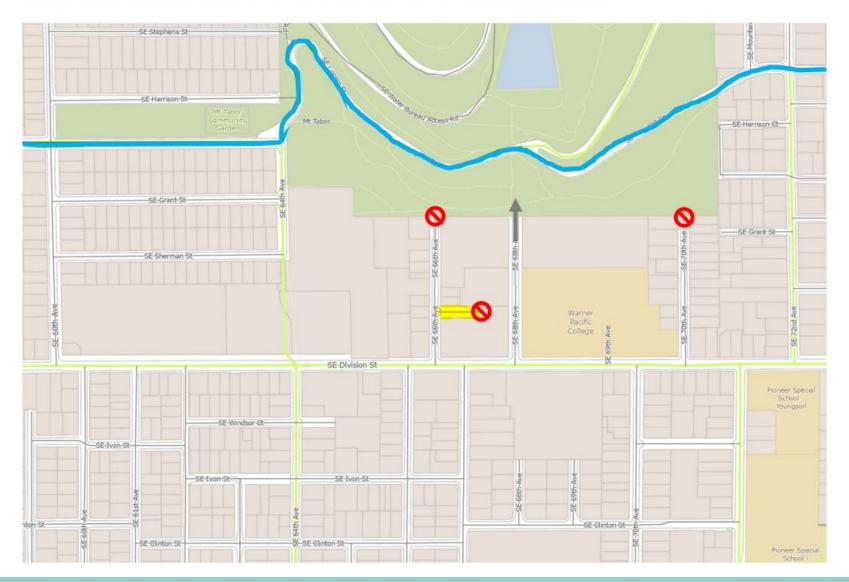


# Surrounding Neighborhood of Vacation Area



Within the Mount Tabor neighborhood and the SE Division St mixeduse corridor within Southeast Portland. Surrounding the proposed vacation area is university, residential and commercial uses.

#### Bicycle classifications (blue = major city bikeway, green = city bikeway, gray = local service bikeway)



Pedestrian classifications

(purple = major city walkway, blue = city walkway, green = neighborhood walkway, gray = local street)



*Note:* SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave and SE 70<sup>th</sup> Ave north of SE Division St terminate in a dead end, with SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave (arrow) providing public pedestrian access to Mt Tabor Park. The proposed street vacation on SE Caruthers St also terminates at a dead end and no pedestrian or bikeways exist to connect the street east to SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave.



<u>PBOT Development Review and Permit Engineering</u>: Petitioner required to connect curbs and establish 11 ft wide pedestrian corridor with sidewalk along SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave under a Minor Development Permit. The existing stairway may have to be rebuilt based on design.



<u>PBOT Right-of-Way Management:</u> Petitioner required to install new ADA ramps at each corner of SE Division St and SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.



<u>PBOT Right-of-Way Management:</u> Petitioner required to add a new sidewalk segment along SE Division St between SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave and SE 69<sup>th</sup> Ave where grass currently exists within the public right-of-way.



<u>Bureau of Environmental Services (BES)</u>: Petitioner required to provide an adequate private easement for the existing sanitary sewer lateral, which is within the street vacation area, for 2219 SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave.



<u>Portland General Electric (PGE):</u> Petitioner required to provide an overhead electric and pole line easement to PGE for the overhead wire and pole that connects to street light poles within SE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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