

Dear TSP Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I would like to submit for your consideration an important transportation project that meets all of your project criteria. It's a small project that offers big returns for the investment: **The installation of approximately 425 ft. of pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the west side of SW Boones Ferry Road, between SW Orchard Hill Road and the City boundary, to provide safe and convenient access to the nearest shopping and commercial area. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle improvements would connect to existing sidewalks on the Lake Oswego side of the City/County line.**

Adding 425' of sidewalks and a bicycle lane—the width of just four residential lots—would provide safe access for Southwest residents to the nearest commercial hub and shopping center, which sits directly on the Portland and Lake Oswego city boundary. This bustling neighborhood center is anchored with a New Seasons market, and includes a DMV, restaurants, outlet stores, offices, a variety of retail shops, and parking space for transit users. Installing sidewalks and a bike lane along this busy section of SW Boones Ferry Road—a north/south commuter route with a 40mph speed limit—would provide safe access to all area residents, including: senior citizens (who often rely on personal shopping carts), kids on bicycles, people pushing strollers, wheelchair users, and school-age children.

This is just a small *segment* of a larger project (#90023), but it's the most critical section that supports the needs of the community. Addressing this *small phase* of a bigger project is very cost effective in achieving the goals of the community, and it meets all the TSP project objectives:

Improved access to daily needs—provides safe and convenient access to transit stops, grocery store, restaurants, childcare facility, and businesses

Safety—walking along a narrow roadway with 40mph traffic is unsafe for pedestrians, and this project would reduce the real and serious threat of car-pedestrian collisions

Improved health—this project would allow people to safely walk or bike to the nearby shopping and commercial district resulting in improved health and well-being

Economics—This town center offers many job opportunities for area residents, including summer jobs for high school and college age students

Equity—this project offers non-drivers (older residents and economically disadvantaged residents) safe and convenient access to transit stops, as well as to shopping and businesses

Environment—this project will cut down on the use of cars and SOV trips, thus reducing carbon emissions and the negative impact of pollutants

Cost—this is a huge cost-savings project because it significantly reduces the scope of a much larger project—infrastructure improvements along Boones Ferry from Terwilliger to the City/County line (#90023)—while achieving the most important aspects of the overall project goals because SW Orchard Hill Road connects to Stephenson, thus connecting the entire residential area to the north with the shopping/commercial district to the south

Community Support—This is a top priority transportation improvement for the Arnold Creek Neighborhood of Southwest Portland with widespread support, and this project was one of just two projects submitted for consideration by the Neighborhood for the Street Fees project list

This project will certainly increase livability for area residents and the community-at-large. I hope you will add this little-project-with-big-results to your project list.

Many Thanks,
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