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Portland Bureau of Transportation and Portland Parks & Recreation invite applications for Sullivan's Gulch Trail Project Advisory Committee

Proposed trail is an opportunity to connect East Portland with a separate pedestrian/bike route to downtown

(Portland, OR) – Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) are assembling a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to assist in the development of a concept plan for the future Sullivan's Gulch Trail, a 5-mile long opportunity to connect East Portland with a bicycle and pedestrian route that is separated from auto traffic. This trail will provide safe, continuous, and direct transportation options for cyclists and pedestrians.

The concept plan will determine the trail alignment and basic design, and indicate cost. This concept plan will be developed by working with a consultant team to conduct a technical evaluation of the proposed alignment for a shared-use bicycle/pedestrian trail along the northern property limit of the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad's Graham Line, and produce a conceptual plan for the amenity.

The Advisory Committee's role will include:

- Representing the project to their constituents
- Representing the perspectives of their constituents to the project
- Providing political/public support
- Maximizing the vision of the design and adjacent community development opportunities

Representation is sought from a wide variety of interested audiences, including impacted property owners, neighborhood residents, members of the Asian and African American communities, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, and others.

The Project Advisory Committee is anticipated to meet 5-10 times between April 2011 and January 2012. In addition, there will be approximately three community meetings PP&R and PBOT will ask the Project Advisory Committee to attend.

If you are interested, please visit portlandparks.org and complete the application form. For more information or to sign-up to receive future updates on the PAC and on the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Project, please contact Sarah Coates Huggins at 503.823.3385 or Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong at 503.823.5113.

Interest forms will be accepted through January 21, 2011.

Background

The proposed Sullivan's Gulch Trail alignment is within the Banfield Corridor in Northeast Portland. The corridor extends from the Eastbank Esplanade at the Willamette River to the I-205 Multi-Use Path and the Gateway Regional Center. The trail corridor is adjacent to an interstate highway, a MAX light rail line, and a freight rail line. The trail would be placed, to the extent possible, along Union Pacific Railroad's northern property line, and be approximately 5 miles in length.

The trail will connect all of the neighborhoods along the route through connections with the street system and will encourage more people to ride or walk to work, for fun or for errands.

Sullivan's Gulch Trail is a missing link in the regional network of off-street paths. It will link major regional trails, as well as local bikeways, walkways, and streets, enhancing travel across an urban area filled with various barriers. The route will serve transportation demand generated by major employment centers, including Gateway District, Lloyd Center and Downtown Portland, and residential neighborhoods. As noted by former Metro Councilor Rod Monroe, it will provide residents in eastern Portland neighborhoods with direct bicycle access to the jobs and amenities located near the central city. It will also improve pedestrian and bicycle access to public transit and public facilities including schools, parks and libraries.

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