



7688 SW Capitol Highway
Portland, OR 97219

October 21, 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales and Portland City Council
1221 SW Fourth Ave.
Portland, Oregon, 97204

RE: Comprehensive Plan: Major Public Trail Designation for Trail Segment #82

It has recently come to our attention that the Proposed Comprehensive Plan identifies future locations of Major Public Trails through our neighborhood, including a segment through the center of OHSU's Marquam Hill Campus. The trail designated as Trail Segment #82 in the Comprehensive Plan Map App connects the upper part of the OHSU campus (at the intersection of SW Gibbs/Sam Jackson with SW Veterans Hospital Road) with Trail segments at, along and east of Terwilliger Boulevard at the lower end of the Marquam Hill Campus. The Map App labels segment #82 as a "New Proposal on Public Right-of-Way" and incorrectly lists the property as "public property". It has also come to our attention that OHSU has submitted a request to remove Trail Segment #82 from the proposed Comprehensive Plan "Major Public Trail" designation (email letter to Mayor and City Council dated October 13, 2016). The Homestead Neighborhood Association Board of Directors has discussed this issue and would like to inform the City Council of our position with the hope it will guide your decision.

The Homestead Neighborhood believes that it is important for a trail route be available to the public connecting the upper and lower sides of the OHSU Marquam Hill campus. We believe that the location of Trail Segment #82 as currently shown on the Map App (between existing OHSU buildings to Campus Drive) is the best location for such a trail. It exists today as part of the SW Trail #1 and is owned and maintained by OHSU for public use. It also serves as the Sunday alignment for the 4T trail and whenever the Tram is closed. However, we also are sympathetic with the concerns and issues raised by OHSU in its email dated October 13 regarding its private property rights and its reluctance to grant a public easement in this space.

While we support the existing SW Trail #1 location (Trail Segment #82) as the preferred location for a cross-campus connection, we do not support the taking of OHSU's ownership for the sake of granting a public easement for that location to be a "Major Public Trail". We believe that OHSU should be allowed to manage the use of that trail as they see fit so long as they commit to make every reasonable effort to keep the trail open for public use. The Homestead Neighborhood Association recently received a letter from OHSU documenting their intention to keep SW Trail #1 open to the public in its present location. A copy of that letter is attached below. While we know this is not a legally binding commitment it is appreciated as a good-neighbor's intention.

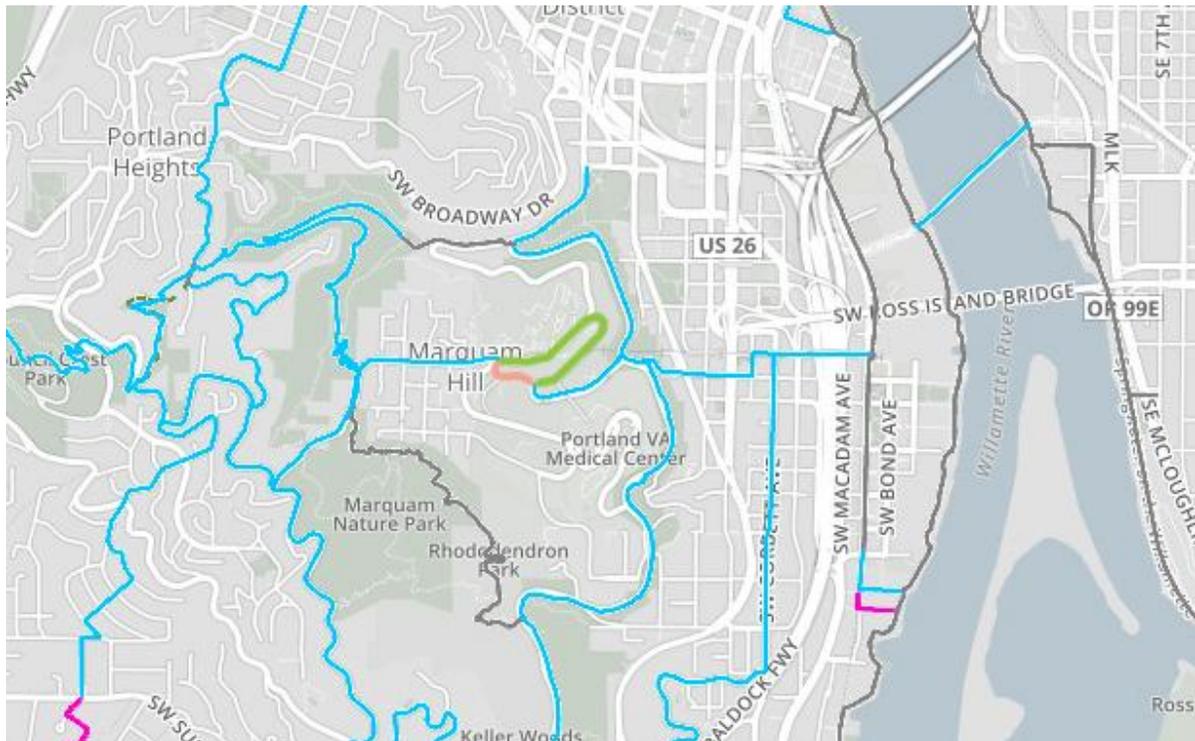
As it is our understanding that the "Major Public Trail" designation is to create a system of uninterrupted public easements, we can support moving the official MPT designation to the sidewalks on Sam Jackson Park Road and Campus Way. If that action is taken by the Council the Homestead Neighborhood Association supports retaining the existing SW Trail #1 map and signing as-is. The Campus Way route is

not our preference as the only useable trail because it is approximately three to four times the length of Trail Segment #82 as shown. However, we acknowledge its benefits of contiguous sidewalk, flatter grade, better lighting, transit access and passing the front doors of many of OHSU's major buildings and can therefore support moving the official MPT designation to this location.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions about our position. My personal email is edfischer8@gmail.com. My cell phone number is 503-348-8876.

Sincerely,

Ed Fischer, President
Homestead Neighborhood Association



— Alternate MPT



October 19, 2016

Ed Fischer
Chair, Homestead Neighborhood Association
Portland, OR 97239

Dear Ed,

OHSU constructed and maintains a portion of SW Trail #1 through our Marquam Hill Campus. While this trail segment is primarily used by our neighbors and other recreational users, we have been pleased to be able to provide this facility.

The Homestead Neighborhood has asked whether OHSU intends to keep this trail segment open for public use. OHSU has no plans in place to remove this trail or restrict public access to it. So long as the trail poses no unforeseen operational or safety issues, it will remain open in its present location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Newman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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