

ORDINANCE NO. 686

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TROUTDALE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

The City Council finds as follows:

1. The City of Troutdale has adopted a Transportation System Plan that complies with State-wide Planning Goal 12, the Transportation Planning Rule and the City's Comprehensive Plan and has adopted the Troutdale Town Center Plan that includes a conceptual drawing for a local street network in the western half of the Town Center.
2. The City of Troutdale's Transportation System Plan, Town Center Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Development Code include policies and development regulations that require dedication and construction of transportation improvements when development occurs.
3. The western half of the Troutdale Town Center is underdeveloped due in large part to site constraints such as railroad tracks, slopes, wetlands, creeks and the existing Multnomah County jail. These factors must be taken into account in deciding the need and location of future transportation improvements.
4. An appropriately balanced local street network with adequate connectivity will be achieved best in the western half of the Town Center if transportation improvements are required as development occurs. By requiring improvements as development occurs, the transportation improvements will be better able to take unique site features as well as the nature, intensity and design of the particular development into account.
5. Public testimony that addressed the negative aspects of adopting a local street plan for the western half of the Town Center was overwhelming and convincing. We agree with the public that development on property in the western half of the Town Center is too remote and speculative right now to support the adoption of an effective and efficient local street plan.
6. Public testimony that addressed concerns about the Sturges Drive and Sturges Lane connection was also compelling. We agree that a connection between Sturges Drive and Sturges Lane is not in the City's best interest and would adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of community if it were not removed from the Transportation System Plan. We adopt the reasons provided in the public testimony to support our decision to remove the Sturges Drive and Sturges Lane connection from the existing Transportation System Plan.
7. The City provided public notice and held public hearings on proposed amendments to the Transportation System Plan on July 21, 1999, August 18, 1999 and March 15, 2000 (before the Planning Commission) and April 11, 2000 and April 25, 2000 (before the City Council).
8. In accordance with the City of Troutdale Charter Section 30, it is necessary that this ordinance be considered for immediate adoption. Several neighborhood groups, residents and the Citizens Advisory Committee have been considering and commenting on amendments to the Transportation System Plan for several months. Additional meetings would be detrimental to the City. Amendments to the Transportation System Plan need to be adopted immediately. Copies of this ordinance have been distributed to the council and made available for public inspection at least twenty-four hours before its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

Section 1. Transportation System Plan Amendments for Sturges Lane and Sturges Drive. The Troutdale Transportation System Plan adopted on December 12, 1995 (Ord. No. 636) is hereby amended to eliminate the connection between Sturges Drive and Sturges Lane. Figures and text in the Transportation System Plan that reference this connection are to be updated accordingly.

Section 2. Transportation System Plan Amendments for Trails. The Troutdale Transportation System Plan adopted on December 12, 1995 (Ord. No. 636) is hereby amended to add the trails shown in the attached Exhibit A. Figures and text in the Transportation System Plan that reference trails and pedestrian connections are to be updated accordingly.

YEAS:	<u>7</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAINED:	<u>0</u>


Paul Thalhoffer, Mayor

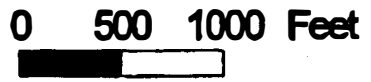
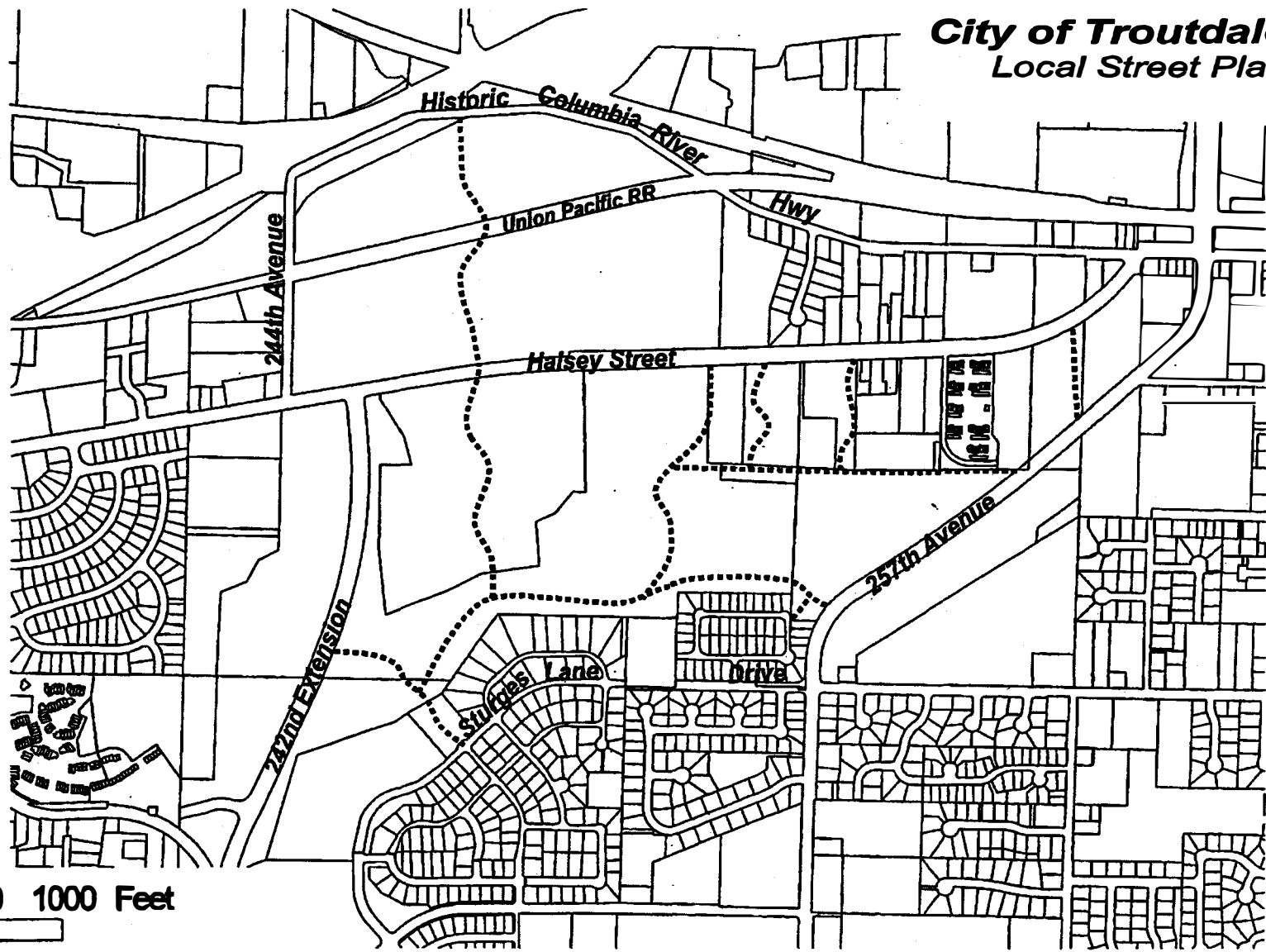
Dated: 4-27-00


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: April 25, 2000



City of Troutdale
Local Street Plan



LEGEND
..... - Pedestrian Trails

Figure A
LOCAL STREET NETWORK
Pedestrian/Bike Trail Recommendation