

RESOLUTION NO. 2122

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SANDY RIVER CONNECTIONS TRAIL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN ODOT FLEXIBLE FUNDS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

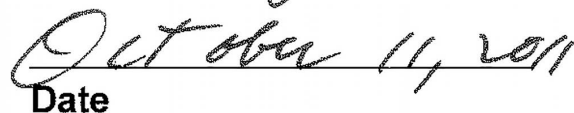
1. The new eastbound I-84 bridge under construction across the Sandy River will include a separated pedestrian/bicycle pathway on the bridge and will provide a bench under the west end for constructing a future segment of the 40-Mile Loop trail, but no funds are budgeted to either build the trail under the bridge or to connect the new pathway on the Sandy River bridge west to 257th Avenue or to the 40-Mile Loop trail.
2. The 40-Mile Loop Trail comprises an important element of the Portland region's transportation network and is intended to provide an alternative travel mode to access job sites in Troutdale's north industrial area as well as recreational opportunities for walkers and bicyclists.
3. An existing gap in the 40-Mile Loop Trail, referred to as the Troutdale gap, runs from the southern terminus of the paved trail on the flood control levee at Graham Road to Historic Columbia River Highway. A portion of this trail gap also extends across the City's urban renewal site and under the Union Pacific railroad trestle to link this site with Troutdale's downtown main street south of the railroad tracks.
4. Prior attempts by the City to obtain grant funds to complete segments of the 40-Mile Loop Trail both north and south of I-84 have failed because they would have terminated at the I-84 bridges without connections to any other trails, thus going nowhere. Completing the segment of trail under the I-84 bridges is a critical link to making other trail segments viable and will help leverage future grant applications for those other trail segments.
5. The City desires to see the Troutdale gap of the 40-Mile Loop trail constructed under the I-84 bridges with connections to 257th Ave and to the new eastbound I-84 bridge pathway.
6. ODOT's Flexible Funds Program provides grants to fund construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including trails.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

- Section 1. The City Council fully supports the Sandy River Connections Trail project.
- Section 2. The City Council desires to be a co-applicant with ODOT for a grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation's Flexible Funds Program and to contribute toward the required local match of that grant program.
- Section 3. The City Council authorizes the Community Development Director to assist ODOT in the preparation and submittal of that grant application
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0**


Mayor Jim Kight


Date


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder
Adopted: October 11, 2011