

## **Saltzman Road Planning**

At the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Saltzman Road PAC meeting there was a request for the alternative selection criteria to include consideration of the potential extension of Saltzman Road / 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north. Each committee member can choose how to consider the potential extension into Multnomah County. The evaluation criteria do not include that comparison because it is unlikely to be constructed within a typical planning horizon.

### **Transportation System Plan**

The Transportation System Plan (TSP) identified a proposed collector facility connecting Saltzman Road to 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The timing, funding and prioritization of this future roadway are not specified in the TSP. Improvements to the existing Saltzman Road alignment are not precluded by the proposed facility identified in the TSP. 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of Laidlaw Road, is identified as a neighborhood route in the TSP. The proposed neighborhood route, which is partially constructed, extends north from Laidlaw Road to the Washington County line. The extension of 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue is intended to serve this developing area within Washington County and not preclude an extension further north into Multnomah County if ever needed.

### **Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and Reserves Designations**

Under Oregon's land use planning system, Metro maintains the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) for the Portland metropolitan region (see Attachment). The UGB line separates urban communities from rural lands (lands outside the UGB). To facilitate planning, Metro has classified rural lands into three categories:

1. Urban Reserve. As additional urban land is needed in the Portland region, these areas are eligible for addition to the UGB.
2. Rural Reserve. These lands are identified as long-term rural areas, where urban growth is not permitted to occur.
3. Undesignated. These lands are not designated as either urban or rural in the long term. There is a provision for changing Undesignated to Urban Reserve once a majority of the original Urban Reserve areas have been included in the UGB.

The part of Multnomah County where the 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension could take place has been designated as rural reserve by Metro. State land use regulations preclude new transportation facilities in rural reserve areas, therefore even if Multnomah County wanted to add this future roadway to their TSP they would not be allowed to do so.

### **Saltzman Road Realignment**

As each committee member considers the trade-offs between alternatives the possibility of a future extension could be among their considerations. However, given the restrictions of state law and that fact that the road connection will be outside of Washington County, it is not possible for Washington County staff to provide more information about it.

# Attachment

