



# SW 198th Avenue Improvements (TV Highway to Farmington Road)

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## Dec. 10, 2015 Open House Summary

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Washington County held an open house for the SW 198th Avenue improvement project on Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 5 to 7 pm at Hazeldale Elementary School (20080 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton). The public was invited to stop by any time during open house hours to review displays, meet the project team, ask questions, submit comments, and apply to be a member of the project's Interested Parties Group (IPG).

To inform the public of the event, Washington County sent out approximately 7,500 flyers to the surrounding neighborhoods, which included areas of CPO 6. County staff also sent a media release to its standard list of local and regional newspapers and media outlets (television and radio). Signs announcing the open house time and location were installed underneath the project signs placed at the north and south ends of the project limits. The project web site included an announcement of the open house and other County web pages and newsletters advertised the event, including Washington County Roads ([www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com)) and the LUT Weekly Update. The project team also conducted a site walk along the project area and informed the residents fronting SW 198th Avenue regarding the upcoming project and open house.

The purpose of this open house was to introduce the project to the public, to identify issues and concerns from residents, and to encourage attendees to participate on the project's IPG. An informal open house format was used at the meeting, allowing the public to discuss the project design with members of the project team. Members of the project team and staff from Washington County were available to answer questions. Approximately 86 people attended the open house.

The following exhibits were on display at the meeting:

- Project aerial photo
- Strip map showing project limits, water quality areas, and approximate right-of-way lines
- Typical road cross section - Washington County standard 3-lane collector
- Fast Facts informational board with general project information
- Traffic volumes (existing – 2015 and forecasted – 2040)
- Interested Parties Group informational board
- Right-of-Way process

Handouts:

- Comment forms
- "Fast Fact" project information sheet
- Interested Parties Group Application
- Moving Because of Highway or Public Projects brochure
- Acquiring Lands for Highway and Other Public Projects brochure



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Following is a summary of comments received at the open house:

Comment(s)	Staff Response
All comments are typed verbatim and were reviewed by the project team.	
Please add a turn lane to Farmington Road from 185th to 209th	Farmington Road is outside the scope of this project. That section of roadway is under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT). Per their Regional Manager, ODOT does not have any improvements scheduled for that section of Farmington Road at this time.
I love the plans for sidewalks and bike lanes. I do however hope to <i>not</i> see a middle lane	The County's design standard for a collector includes a center turn lane. A center turn lane improves the flow of traffic while reducing the number of rear end crashes. Various alternatives will be looked at for 198th Avenue, including one with and one without a center turn lane.
I'd like to see the bus stop moved from 198th and Carlin Road. There is a lot of noise from the buses stopping. Also, people turning left onto 198th from Carlin have a hard time seeing oncoming traffic from the bus. Sometimes passengers from the bus will try to cross the road and drivers cannot see them because the bus is blocking their view.	Road improvements will be coordinated with TriMet, which will entail looking at all bus stop locations and evaluating them based on current ridership, locations and amenities.
Main concern is road speed and noise. Cars do not observe speed limit now and no enforcement. The faster they move, the more noise they produce – give people more road and they go faster. Tree removal – I have many trees on the property. They provide shelter from the weather and noise. They are also very tall. I feel if some are removed it will make the remaining trees very vulnerable to wind and could be blown over. Also curious regarding mail delivery – currently my mailbox is on the opposite side of the road.	The posted speed limit will not change as part of this project.  We will try and minimize tree removal as part of our design.  The design team will coordinate with the US Postal Service to install mailboxes on the same side of the road as the property it serves.
If the project has to be narrowed and prioritized, please be sure to keep at least the sidewalk. I feel the sidewalk are the most important part of the project.	Thanks for your feedback. At minimum, this project will include bike lanes and sidewalks.

<p>Our main concern is our back yard floods and we have only a 4” drain from our back yard to the ditch. Neighbors yards also drain into our back yard. I am pumping water with electric pumps. I have talked with the project team leaders and they say that they will probably put in a larger drain pipe from my yard to the new drainage system. PS – We are very happy in the project people and handling this improvement. Thanks.</p>	<p>Your address has been noted and we will look into your drainage issue as we progress further along in design. Thanks for attending the event and providing positive comments about the project!</p>
<p>Love it! Love it! Love it! This project will save lives, improve livability, facilitate biking, walking, and running, and significantly improve the value of my home. THANK YOU!</p>	<p>Thanks for attending the event and providing positive comments about the project!</p>
<p>Thanks for the info. I feel my concerns about noise and flooding/drainage are being heard. Safety is very important to me, so are sidewalks and lighting will be very helpful.</p>	<p>Thanks for attending the event and providing positive comments about the project!</p>
<p>1. Why not wait until 209<sup>th</sup> project is decided? 2. Need pull outs for the bus line (TriMet)</p>	<p>The 209th project will be moving forward in the next few years as it is a high priority to the City of Hillsboro and their South Hillsboro planning efforts.</p> <p>We will coordinate with TriMet during design regarding bus pull-outs.</p>
<p>If you make this a 3-lane with sidewalks, will you need to cut down trees or move fences? What will be the speed limit? Will trucks (semi-trailers) be on the road? My concern is a 3-lane with a bike lane, sidewalks will be too big and you will be making the street look like 185th and all the homes will become businesses.</p>	<p>We will do what we can to mitigate impacts to trees and other vegetation. The posted speed limit will not change as part of this project. 5% of the traffic on 198th includes truck traffic. They will likely continue to use the road. This project will only be widened to 3-lanes at the most because it is classified as a collector roadway. 185th is five lanes and classified as an arterial roadway.</p>
<p>Very, very concerned about this project. Didn't purchase in an unincorporated area to live on a busy street w/ bike lanes! I would have purchased in PDX if I wanted that. My property has already has been broken into</p>	<p>198th is a collector road in the County's Transportation System Plan, which requires bike lanes and sidewalks to be included as part of any road improvement project. Additional travel lanes are not being included in this design, therefore traffic volume increases will occur from growth in the area. 209th Avenue will be widened to five lanes in the near future and will handle much of the traffic that is currently using 198th Avenue.</p>
<p>Want to be kept aware of ongoing project and decisions</p>	<p>We encourage you to <a href="#">sign up for our project e-newsletter</a> and/or check the <a href="#">project website</a> on occasion for updates.</p>
<p>I'm happy with the plan because for my children because the current road is very dangerous. I asked the Park and Recreation District for a sidewalk and lights. We need a nice city that I can appreciate. I've lived here for 14 years and do not like to cross this road, or Rosa and others. Thanks</p>	<p>Thanks for attending the event and providing positive comments about the project!</p>
<p>1. Can a dedicated left turn arrow be installed at 209<sup>th</sup> and TV Hwy? (We desperately need one) 2. When will construction begin for 4,000 new homes on 209<sup>th</sup>? 3. When will construction begin for extension of Cornelius Pass Rd south? 4. When will planning begin for widening 209<sup>th</sup>? 5. Why are 4000 homes being built before improving 209<sup>th</sup>? It is going to be a nightmare! It already is and I can't imagine how much worse it's going to be.</p>	<p>1. The City of Hillsboro is advancing a temporary project that will install a dedicated left turn signal for northbound to westbound traffic on 209th Avenue to TV Hwy. They hope to install this signal head next summer. The intersection will be fully reconstructed in the coming years as <a href="#">South Hillsboro</a> begins development. 2. Contact the <a href="#">City of Hillsboro</a> for the South Hillsboro home</p>

<p>6. Can you consider putting in a roundabout at 198<sup>th</sup> and Kinnaman?</p>	<p>construction timeline. All permits will be pulled through the City so they will be most familiar with that schedule.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Contact the <a href="#">City of Hillsboro</a> for the timeline for extending Cornelius Pass Road. It is estimated to occur within the next few years but they may have a more firm timeline.</li> <li>4. Widening of 209th Avenue is also in conjunction with the City's <a href="#">South Hillsboro</a> development. It is planned for widening in 4-6 years but may be pushed to a sooner date by the City.</li> <li>5. See above answers. 209th will be improved prior to the construction and occupancy of the 8,000 homes planned in <a href="#">South Hillsboro</a>.</li> <li>6. The design team will look at various intersection options and alignment alternatives at Kinnaman, one of which will include a roundabout.</li> </ol>
<p>Need bus turn-outs down entire 198th from TV Hwy to Farmington</p>	<p>We will coordinate with TriMet during design regarding bus pull-outs.</p>
<p>Plan needs space for bus turnouts so traffic can go faster than a bus</p>	<p>We will coordinate with TriMet during design regarding bus pull-outs.</p>
<p>Like the continuous bike lanes and sidewalks – need to get rid of all the side ditches. Traffic signals at some of the side streets? (Deline, Kinnaman?) This is a bus route – bus pull outs to get them out of the traffic stream Concrete pads at bus stops – buses will “push” the asphalt if you don’t have them. Would like to see preliminary plans and specs when available.</p>	<p>As part of the design process, all intersections within the project limits will be evaluated to determine if they warrant a signal. We will coordinate with TriMet during design regarding bus pull-outs and the road surface used if pull-outs will be installed. We will post alignment alternatives as we progress through design. Check the <a href="#">project website</a> periodically for updates and/or <a href="#">sign up for our project e-newsletter</a>.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) #1 concern is safety – large trees on corner of property blocks cars from crashing in front yard and bedroom.</li> <li>2) Removal of fence and trees</li> <li>3) Don’t want bus stop on our side of street – keep in same location</li> <li>4) Security – more traffic/foot traffic possible increase in break-ins</li> </ol>	<p>We will do our best to mitigate impacts to trees, fences and other vegetation. Safety is a top priority for this project and includes the need to address site distance issues and potential roadside hazards.</p> <p>We will work with TriMet regarding bus stop locations and whether any need moved or removed.</p> <p>Additional travel lanes are not being included in this design, therefore traffic volume upticks will be the result of growth in the area. You may find some of the volume on 198th moving to 209th once it is widened to five lanes in the near future.</p> <p>If you have concerns about neighborhood safety, we recommend you contact the <a href="#">Sheriff’s Office</a> about options to enhance safety.</p>
<p>My biggest concern is if the “Hillsboro South” road work on 209<sup>th</sup> will be going on during the same time period. I also wonder about Farmington Road improvements – if the State has a timeline for those</p>	<p>Widening of 209th Avenue will be coordinated with 198th Avenue construction. The plan is to not have both roadways under construction at the same time due to traffic impacts.</p> <p>Farmington Road is under the jurisdiction of Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT). Per their Regional Manager, ODOT does not have any improvements scheduled to Farmington Road at this time.</p>

END OF COMMENTS