



## **NW Saltzman Road (NW Cornell to NW Thompson Road)**

### **Open House #4 (Meet the Contractor) Summary July 13, 2009**

Washington County held the fourth project open house for the Saltzman Road project on Monday, July 13, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at St Pius X Church community center in Cedar Mill. To inform the public of the event, Washington County sent out approximately 7,700 flyers to the surrounding neighborhoods which included areas of CPO 1 and CPO 7. Announcements were made to CPO 1 and CPO 7 in their monthly newsletters, as well as in the Cedar Mill Business Association newsletter. Notices were also provided to the St Pius, United Methodists and Jehovah's Witness churches for inclusion in their bulletins. A Press Release was sent by Washington County to its standard list of local and regional newspapers and radio stations.

The purpose of this open house was to present the final design for Phase 1 (NW Cornell to NW Bauer Woods Drive), provide information on construction schedule and likely construction staging, and introduce the project contractor, Northwest Earthmovers Inc. (NEI). An open house format was used at the meeting, allowing members of the public to discuss the corridor and project issues with members of the Project Management Team (PMT) and the Contractor. Approximately 87 people attended the open house. Attendees were encouraged to review the materials available and speak one on one with members of the PMT and the contractor.

The following exhibits were on display at the meeting:

- Aerial showing project area
- Project Process
- How to Stay Informed
- Final Design Phase 1
- Profile for final design
- Typical Section
- Wall Types
- Illumination
- Landscape Types
- Construction Schedule
- Construction staging plan

Handouts:

- Comment forms
- Project Description and Schedule

**Comment Summary**

Eight (8) comment sheets were received at the open house. Following are the comments received and preliminary responses:

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p>I feel Burton &amp; Saltzman is still unsafe design proposal. Cars will block each other's safe line-of-sight. A single lane out to Saltzman would be safer.</p>	<p>Sight distance for vehicles exiting Burton will be improved with the widening. Traffic analysis show majority of vehicles exiting Burton turn right. By giving a left and right turn lane, delay for cars turning right will be minimized.</p>
<p>Need to make sure that all landscaping will survive after the county turns off the water! (unlike Barnes/Cornell project).</p>	<p>No irrigation is called for in the project. The contractor is required to maintain the landscaping for two years to establish plants/trees. Plants that have been proposed for the project are drought tolerant and require minimal maintenance</p>
<p>Please review the triangular piece of land at the intersection of Coleman &amp; Saltzman. Currently this is very untidy and unattractive. Also not friendly to walking or biking from Saltzman through Coleman &amp; NW 126. Thank you for keeping us posted about this project. We are excited to see the improvements when it is completed. It seems that this project covers all the key factors that affect most of the neighborhood. I am hoping that this improvement will "awake" some commercial/retail enterprises and a better community type of stores, restaurants, coffee shops move in the places where some very old buildings are. The three commercial areas around Saltzman &amp; Cornell are very disconnected and not friendly for walking and biking. No charm at all and no areas for sitting or handling a good neighborhood conversation. My dream would be completed if one day there will be a nice park with some coffee shops in front of our community library.</p>	<p>We are constructing new sidewalk and installing landscape which should improve this area.</p>
<p>Look at the Coleman/Saltzman commercial area &amp; clean it up while doing the widening.</p>	<p>Same as above</p>

<p>I'm grateful for the opportunity to ask questions since we are starting a new preschool at St. Pius X in September. My concern is traffic impact for this purpose.... and the sidewalk availability from St. Pius to the Cedar Mill Library. I hope during the year &amp; process the contractors remain as open and supportive as they have been this evening. I am also grateful for the low financial impact to St. Pius. Thank you.</p>	<p>The completed project will include 5 ft sidewalks on both sides of road between Cornell and Bauer Woods Drive, with the exception of the sidewalks fronting Walgreens, the library and St Pius, which will be 10 feet wide with street trees and illumination. The County and contractor will work with St Pius to assure access at all times.</p>
<p>1. How invasive are the tree roots? I would not like to see trees installed that create trip hazards damage to streets, sidewalks &amp; property. 2. I feel the county should put in a pedestrian cross walk by St. Pius that is electronically /light controlled. My son was hit @ this spot &amp; seriously hurt. This is a busy cross walk area.</p>	<p>Tree types have been selected from County-approved list to minimize impacts to sidewalks. Root barriers to further control root intrusion are also being installed. The Project will include a striped and signed pedestrian island at Filbert due to high pedestrian volume crossing at this location</p>
<p>Would like to see enforcement of no left turn from Lovejoy to Saltzman. People continue this practice with no consequence. I'm fairly certain this practice will increase to by bypass construction.</p>	<p>This is an enforcement issue and will be passed on to the County Sheriff's office</p>
<p>The Saltzman Road plan looks very good. I do think the county should give more consideration to roundabout style intersections. Missed opportunity in my opinion. There is so much time and fuel wasted at intersections which in many cases could be addressed by switching to roundabouts - They've done this in Bend and it works really well.</p>	<p>Because of constrained right-of-way, installation of a roundabout would have impacted several residents and businesses. The county does consider the use of roundabouts at the appropriate locations. The intersections (traffic split) on Saltzman are not conducive for roundabouts.</p>