Hillsdale sewer and water projects designed to prevent road damage, improve reliability

By Jillian Daley The Southwest Portland Post

A city sewer project planned in Southwest Portland would prevent the collapse of streets, and another project will improve water pipe reliability.

A sewer pipe repair project is planned at Southwest Capitol Highway and Terwilliger Boulevard.

It will be supported with \$750,000 in Portland Environment Services capital improvement funds, said bureau spokesman David Allred.

The sewer pipes, built in 1929, are buckling beneath the weight of the road fill and asphalt paving laid over them.

The sewer project will start in early to mid 2013 and take five months, Allred said. One section of pipe is at Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard and Vincent Place. The other section will be under Capitol Highway and east of Terwilliger Boulevard.

A water pipe project could be done afterwards in the same area and will be paid for with \$3.2 million in Water Bureau capital improvement funds, bureau spokesman Tim Hall said. The water project could start in spring 2014 and be finished that year but depends on a budget approval process.

"New water pipe would connect two existing systems to increase reliability to the Burlingame service area," Hall said.

About 3,400 feet of water supply piping would stretch from Terwilliger Boulevard and Capitol Highway and follow a series of roads, ending at Southwest Chestnut Street. Phase one of the water supply pipeline was done this fall in the Burlingame area.

In addition, the Portland Bureau of Transportation has preliminary plans

to reconstruct the pedestrian island between Terwilliger and Capitol after the water project is done, Allred said.

Some sewer construction will be done at night to avoid disrupting traffic, but there may be delays, Allred said.

"Capitol Highway, Terwilliger Boulevard, and pedestrian trails should remain open during the sewer construction," Allred said. No interruptions to sewer service are anticipated.

There is no traffic control plan yet for the water project, which may impact traffic, Hall said, adding that the new water pipe won't affect existing service.

Sellwood Bridge to close January 17



Multnomah County has reset the closure of the Sellwood Bridge for the week of January 17, spokesperson Mike Pullen told The Post. In the week that follows, crews will move the deck of the bridge to a set of temporary pilings about 40 yards to the north. This will serve as a temporary detour route while a new bridge is constructed on the old site. Shown: skid beam on track and truss. (Photo courtesy of Mike Pullen, Multnomah County)

Dean Smith

(Continued from Page 1) surprised," he says of his introduction to Ash Creek.

"I didn't expect the level of sophistication and expertise I found here. There are at least three here who put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time a year. Pound for pound, this group is on a level with any other neighborhood association in the city."

At the Spirit of Portland Awards ceremony Smith gave credit to follow volunteers Esther McGuiness, Nancy Donner and Dorothy Gage.

Marianne Fitzgerald, who serves as the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) board chair, is "one of the hardest-working volunteers in the city," he said. Roger Averbeck is "virtually a staff member at regional transportation forums."

Fitzgerald, in turn, said, "Dean has been fabulous to work with."

During Ashcreek's opposition to a proposed water tower, Fitzgerald said, "Dean's experience as a neighborhood leader, in dealing with City officials and as a negotiator was very useful."

"We didn't prevail, but we did as

well as anyone could have." Smith also handled some contentious public meetings well, Fitzgerald said.

Smith mentioned "Sylvia Bogert and her fabulous staff at SWNI" during the awards ceremony.

Irvington had been largely selfsufficient and had relatively little contact with the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, he said. Goose Hollow worked closely with the Neighbors West/Northwest staff.

However, Smith said, "SWNI has a representative board that develops positions and policies, and does a lot of things that West/Northwest didn't."

The 1989 Central City Plan envisioned intense development not just in downtown, but in other close-in areas, including North Macadam.

Assessing the Plan today, Smith said, "I think it worked really well. Most of the things it envisioned, like the Portland Streetcar, have been realized."

"The development of the Pearl as a residential area has been realized and then some, said Smith.

"The redevelopment of the waterfront in North Macadam has been realized, although the height of the buildings is greater than what was envisioned."

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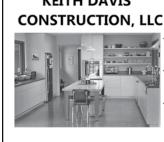
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