

SELLWOOD BRIDGE

New plans for Regional Trail

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portation Alliance said he agreed with much of this. "What I see is, I don't want to throw bicyclists into a bad situation," he said.

"I understand drivers here are just trying to get to their driveway, and they have bicyclists shaking their fists at them." The proposed design "narrows the roadway and makes it less appealing to fly through. I like the idea of being able to walk comfortably."

Turning to the audience, Larson said, "You guys are absolutely right: cars are not the issue here. There's an effort to make it clear to bicyclists that they must respect pedestrians."

Resident Mike Dowd replied, "I disagree with a lot of that. If you let everyone use the whole street, everyone can get out of the way. You should make the place like a linear plaza."

The proposed plan "kills the entire character of the street," he said.

Another resident agreed and particularly lamented the loss of the walnut tree.

"I don't want you to think we didn't hear you," McGee said. "There were two versions of this plan, and one rose to the top."

Pullen later said that City agencies



Marilyn Love (right) chats with a couple of pedestrians along Miles Place in March.
(Post photo by Lee Perlman)

will continue to work with affected property owners and "consider public input" through the end of the year.

Macadam Avenue hillside blasting work continues

Multnomah County crews spent the last part of March blasting at the adjacent hillside to create a new right-of-way for Southwest Macadam Avenue/Highway 43 near the Sellwood Bridge, and the work went well.

According to Multnomah County spokesperson Mike Pullen, the County tends to measure negative impact by

public complaints, "and I'm happy to say we haven't had any. The charges were planted so deep that there was very little surface noise."

The road was closed for an hour after each blast to allow the debris to be cleared, he said, "but it was so late at night that the impact was minimal."

Crews are now working on installing anchors in the bed rock where an old landslide has been "so that the hillside doesn't move anymore," Pullen said.

This month other crews will be working to remove the concrete piers on the site of the old bridge. In-water work on the new bridge is set for July, he said.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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7 Steampunk Craft Workshop:

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