

Southwest Corridor Plan

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west Corridor Plan design workshop. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wilson High School cafeteria, 1151 SW Vermont St.

Third, participate in local neighborhood or business association meetings.

Finally, join one of the many local workgroups that have been meeting on a regular basis. Some are by appointment only like the Southwest Corridor Plan group called "ID SW."

This group consists of business leaders of large institutions like Oregon Health & Science University, Fred Meyer, Safeway, and Portland State University.

According to Malu Wilkinson, from Metro, the purpose of ID SW is to engage other voices, such as institutions and larger business owners in the corridor.

"We want to build a foundation for the kind of public-private partnerships that will be needed to bring the Southwest Corridor Plan to fruition," explained Wilkinson. "It is an opportunity to build support for the land use visions in the corridor."

Wilkinson said the ID SW is a sub-committee of the Metro Steering Committee which is open to the public. "This group is not any greater than that of the other community groups providing feedback," she emphasized.

According to Metro, all the options and projects that are being analyzed will be evaluated through vetting it with an expanded set of goals related to economic development, housing options, and accessibility to transit.

Kay Durtschi, Multnomah transportation chair, also sits on Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee for Transportation. At the February neighborhood meeting, Durtschi circulated 33 proposed projects in Southwest for

"roadway and active transportation".

"These are designed to improve livability in Southwest Portland," Durtschi reported, "and will be funded by a mix of federal and other funding sources. This will help provide infrastructure for which transit plan is decided on."

Each neighborhood association has until March 31 to submit the top three projects to SWNI, the Southwest neighborhood coalition, along with the reasons each project was selected.

Denver Igarta, from the Portland Bureau of Transportation, noted that the Southwest Corridor Plan is looking at high capacity transit 10-plus years out.

"We'd like to look at which ones we might be able to start implementing before the transit build timeline," Igarta said.

The Southwest area poses a variety of hurdles that must be considered: topography, storm water plans, appropriate bike and pedestrian paths, and the complex zoning rules.

"It might be more feasible to identify funds for smaller segments of projects," Igarta suggested. "Portland Bureau of Transportation would like to get to the point where we can at least start looking for funding sources/opportunities to keep moving them forward while aligning them to our bigger goals: safety, getting people active, and feasibility."

Winter Snowstorm

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At the end of the interview, the white, powdery snow started icing up from freezing rain making it even more treacherous to get about. It's just a matter of time until something more than precipitation hits the community.

More information on local emergency preparedness can be found at SWNI.org. Bob Cogan can be reached at coganbob@gmail.com. Jean Fitzgerald can be reached at walktours2@aol.com.

Student art show to be held at Hillsdale Art Supply Company

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

Wilson High School art students will be showing their recent work at the Hillsdale Art Supply Company during the month of March. A reception for the students will be held on Friday, March 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Hillsdale Art Supply Company is run by Ryan McAbery and Denise Rumsey. They sell their artwork at local shows and teach business education courses to artists at their store.

The store specializes in selling recycled art supplies, items either donated or bought from artists who no longer need them.

It is then fleshed out with recycled inventory and new fine art supplies so there are both recycled and new items for sale.

The business isn't a nonprofit but the owners work hard to be an asset to the community through low-cost supplies and by keeping useable materials out of landfills.

"We have classes for kids and adults ranging from \$10 drop-in to \$55 for artist workshops," McAbery confirmed. "There is calendar on our website."

Each Thursday, there is a different artist to teach a specialized medium for part of the artist workshop series.

"For the art shows," McAbery explained, "our goal is to host all of the Southwest Portland schools on our gallery wall throughout the next two years."

Local artists are also featured. The owners are currently working with



Owners Ryan McAbery and Denise Rumsey opened Hillsdale Art Supply Company in the Hillsdale town center last spring. (Photo courtesy of Ryan McAbery)

Rieke Elementary School and Robert Gray Middle School to schedule them for April and May respectively.

The schools decide if they sell the artwork or just showcase it so there isn't a commission on sales. The Wilson artists will be selling their work through the show and receive 100 percent of the profits.

"We love the idea of showcasing the art students," Rumsey said while attending her first Hillsdale Business and Professional Association meeting.

"We believe when they see their work in a more professional, out-of-school setting, it can be really motivating and inspiring."

The Hillsdale Art Supply Company is located next to Jade Dragon Chinese Restaurant at 6327 SW Capitol Hwy, Suite B. For more information, please visit www.hillsdaleartsupply.com.

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