

Tryon-Stephens Headwaters neighborhood street plan proceeds

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Whether light rail or rapid transit bus arrives in the Southwest Corridor [Highway 99W from Portland to Sherwood] in the next decade is anyone's guess. What will make the decision more feasible is that an adequate infrastructure be developed to connect the improved transportation mode.

According to officials, sidewalks, streets able to handle increased traffic flow safely, bike lanes, trails, and stormwater management must all be in place for a successful project.

As these transportation improvements are made in Southwest Portland, both the Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Bureau of Environmental Services

recognize the need for corresponding stormwater system improvements.

Unlike Southeast, Southwest Portland lacks a complete network of storm drains connecting to underground sewer pipes. Additional complications include clay soils that don't allow water to percolate, steep slopes that make construction difficult and costly; and sensitive natural resources. These all require an integrated, tailored approach.

The Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan aims to establish a more connected local street and pathway network. It will also address and improve stormwater management systems within the study area with a focus on neighborhood residential streets

Denver Igarta, of the transportation bureau, has been a regular at neighborhood meetings, special forums, and open houses in the last few years.

"The neighborhoods in mind for this project are adjacent to Southwest Barbur Boulevard situated between Capitol Highway and Taylors Ferry Road," Igarta explained at the January meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association.

This includes the communities of Burlingame, Hillsdale, and Multnomah as well as the Barbur Crossroads in West Portland.

The city environmental and transportation bureaus will partner together to develop implementation measures that address infrastructure deficiencies. They will do this by applying recently approved street-by-

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Gigi's Cafe new in Hillsdale

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on the first Sunday in November. They wanted to determine how busy they might be.

Wesler and one waitress were in the dining area with the 14 tables while Susak and an employee were in the kitchen. "All we did was unlocking the door and within a half hour, the place was completely full," Wesler said.

Now Gigi's Cafe, a name derived from the initials of Gaudre Gourmet, has six employees to help in the kitchen or serve customers. The hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

3000-bolt arches support new Sellwood Bridge



The contractor for the Sellwood Bridge continues to install cross braces between the two steel arches of Span 3, at the west end of the Sellwood Bridge. Workers are installing 3,000 bolts at each connection in the arch segments. *(Photo courtesy of Multnomah County)*

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Two outstanding items will be performed in spring/summer 2015.

The street restoration work on SW Burlingame Terrace has to wait until there is more favorable, dry, warmer weather conditions to install new permanent pavement, ensuring a better quality street. The Water Bureau's general contractor, Tapani Underground Inc., will conduct the road repair work in the spring of 2015.

Most of the underground work at the traffic island on the corner of SW Capitol Hwy. and SW Terwilliger Blvd. is complete. Some final pipe work and final pedestrian walkway construction will take place in spring 2015. Vegetation restoration will be done in the spring/summer 2015.



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