



SW 198th Avenue Improvements (Tualatin Valley Highway to Farmington Road)

Open House Summary December 6, 2017

Washington County held an open house for the SW 198th Avenue improvement project on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm at Edwards Aloha Community Center (4375 SW Edwards Place, Beaverton). No formal presentation was held. This was the fourth open house for the upcoming SW 198th Avenue road improvement project. Members of the public were invited to stop in at any time during the event to review displays, meet the project team staff, ask questions, inform staff of issues, and to submit comments.

To inform the public and interested parties of the event, Washington County sent out approximately 6,200 postcards to adjacent property owners and the surrounding neighborhoods, which included areas of CPO 6. County staff sent a media release to its standard list of local and regional newspapers and media outlets (television and radio). Signs announcing the open house time and location were installed underneath the project signs placed at the north and south ends of SW 198th Avenue project limits. An e-newsletter was sent out to project subscribers. The project web site included an announcement of the open house and other County web pages and newsletters advertised the event, including Washington County Roads (www.wc-roads.com) and the *LUT Weekly Update* e-newsletter.

The purpose of this open house was to present the proposed design for SW 198th Avenue and the realignment of the 198th/Kinnaman and 198th/Blanton intersections to the public and to identify issues and concerns from area residents. An informal open house format was used at the meeting, allowing the members public to discuss the aspects of the design with members of the project design team. Five members of the project team and several additional staff from Washington County were available to answer questions. In addition, a representative from the City of Hillsboro was available at the meeting to answer questions concerning the South Hillsboro development and improvements to SW 209th/TV Highway intersection. Approximately 142 members of the general public attended the open house, including a few members of the project's Interested Parties Group (IPG). Attendees were encouraged to meet the project team members, ask questions, and to record their comments on the open house comment form.

The following exhibits were available for review at the meeting:

- SW 198th Avenue proposed design strip map (North and South segments);
- SW 198th Avenue/SW Blanton Street proposed intersection design and realignment;
- SW 198th Avenue/SW Kinnaman Road proposed intersection design and realignment;
- SW 198th Avenue proposed 3-lane cross section;
- Proposed pedestrian crossing treatment alternatives;
- Proposed wall treatments examples of a sound wall and a retaining wall;

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Exhibits (cont.):

- Proposed street lighting example;
- Traffic volumes (existing – 2015 and forecasted – 2040);
- Fast Facts informational board with general project information (scope, cost, schedule)
- Right-of-Way acquisition process flow chart
- South Hillsboro Composite Map (City of Hillsboro)

Handouts:

- “Fast Fact” sheet
- Comment forms
- Moving Because of Highway or Public Projects brochure
- Acquiring Lands for Highway and Other Public Projects brochure

Comment forms were available for those attending the open house. Seventeen (17) people submitted comments. The following is a summary of comments received at the open house and staff responses:

Comment(s)	Staff Response
All comments are typed verbatim and were reviewed by the project team.	
<p>The increase in traffic from Cornelius Pass Road addition ends at Blanton and will dramatically increase traffic on Blanton and Kinnaman streets. We live at the intersection of Pike St and 203rd Ave. * Would like to see a 4-way stop sign at this intersection.* I believe 205th Ave will be having similar increase due to x-traffic from Blanton and Kinnaman.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Blanton and Kinnaman roads are county collectors and are designed to assist in east-west traffic movements.</p> <p>The County’s Traffic Engineering would analyze traffic volumes the Pike/205th intersection after the completion of the road improvement and see if stop signs are needed.</p>
<p>My NW property corner at 6682 SW 198th would perfect to put in a water retention setup. This would help me in matching up with Washington County’s Water District’s Surface Water Management Act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improves water quality; 2. Keeps green space; 3. Qualifies property for inclusion to surface water management act requirements. 	<p>Thanks for the offer but we have available right-of-way along the west side of 198th that will allow us to install LIDA (low impact development approaches) swales without requiring the need to acquire additional right-of-way.</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our backyard floods in heavy rain. The water drains into the ditch on 198th. If the water cannot drain into the ditch it goes under the house. 2. The trees are threatened by roots being cut off 2-ft inside the property line; 3. The house is 1974 – we don't know where the drainage and gas lines are; 4. Cutting trees changes the stress on the remaining trees in the wind and heavy weather; 5. My sister and I are retired – our main concern on traffic is getting to doctor appointments on time. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The project is proposing to install new inlets on both 198th and on Walquin Court to capture runoff. Depending on grades, a small area drain may be needed to collect rear yard runoff and to discharge it to the inlet; 2) Proximity impacts to trees will be evaluated as the design progresses; 3) Northwest Natural can assist in the location of your gas line and Clean Water Services may be able to assist in the location of the drainage line (if one exists); 4) Trees will be evaluated as part of the design process; 5) With the proposed road improvements, traffic will flow at a more predictable speed and reduce congestion due to turning vehicles. During construction, local traffic will be accommodated.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address is on Blanton however my driveway is on 198th – owner would like to retain circular driveway as well entrance at 198th Ave; 2. Fence on the property line will be impacted by the 198th widening; 3. Storage shed behind the fence line on 198th Ave – removal of the shed impacted by the 198th street widening; 4. Gate and fence impacted by the 198th widening. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Maintain the circular driveway will be looked at as we progress the design; 2-4) Impact to the gate, fence, and storage shed would be compensated for thru the project's right-of-way acquisition process;
<p>I have an issue with RV parking alongside my house and 198th.</p>	<p>The County will try and accommodate as best we can but the road right-of-way is approximately where the existing fence line is.</p>
<p>We planted fir and pine behind property for noise control and protection from traffic accidents. We would like to retain the trees if at all possible.</p>	<p>The existing trees will be close to the new sidewalk but will try to retain them.</p>
<p>There are 2 small trees right along front side of the street, need to cut it down if you may, and want to keep that circular driveway.</p>	<p>It appears that the two trees will be impacted by the new sidewalk. The circular driveway is proposed to be retained.</p>
<p>Last meeting I was informed my carport on 5120 SW 198th Ave could be worked around to be remaining on lot. Now I am told that it cannot be left? I would like to be very involved on surveyor process – I have 2 lots!! And believe in a positive approach but find it only fair to be deeply involved in the determination of the sidewalk.</p>	<p>The existing carport extends into the sidewalk and the proposed right-of-way. Compensation for this impact to the carport would be resolved during the right-of-way acquisition process.</p>
<p>How will you address/manage speed limits on Rosa Road between 198th and 209th with detours and increased traffic flow? No speed bumps! What will speed limit be on 198th? Only two designated crosswalks between TV Hwy and Farmington??</p>	<p>The speed limits on Rosa Road will not change and the detour routes around the bridge closure will be 209th and 185th; Speed limit on SW 198th is 35 mph and will not change as a result of this project; All intersections are legal crossing but these two, Southview and Rosa, are in addition to the two marked crosswalks at Kinnaman and Blanton.</p>
<p>Please note that we need to maintain our circular driveway. We own and operate an auto glass business and have large delivery trucks dropping off glass 2 to 3 times a day. The trucks must be able to be safely off of 198th when delivering glass.</p>	<p>We will try and maintain though it may be tight depending on the size of the delivery truck.</p>

<p>Re: speed and speed limit on 198th:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What will the posted speed be after this project is completed? 2. Currently it is far too easy to go a lot faster on 198th (45-60 mph) – will there be any law enforcement mitigation for speeders? <p>I would love an email response.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The posted speed will not change from what it currently is – 35 mph; 2) Washington County Sheriff’s will enforce the speed limit, before, during and after the construction project.
<p>No cookies!</p>	<p>Yes, the cookies went quickly. We will try and have more cookies at the next open house</p>
<p>Want to explore rebuild of rear fence to be a sound wall. Would need to be in conjunction with neighbors on each side. House at Rosa and 198th is private ownership. House at Deepwell Ct end of cul-de-sac is owned by Washington County Housing Authority.</p>	<p>This would be a private matter between the adjacent property owners as increased noise impacts from the project would be negligible</p>
<p>I have quite a few questions with how this project will affect my property and my access to it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I see you are re-routing my driveway. I would like to discuss any options, and share my opinion before plans are finalized; • I am concerned with the increased traffic noise; • I have a row of trees adjacent to 198th and I would like to know if I am going to lose them. I value them greatly for late afternoon shade; • The proposed new driveway plan is a concern of mine; it eliminates my front yard and decreases access to my side of house parking and easement. <p>Please feel free to contact me</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We can meet to discuss 2) The project is not adding additional capacity or travel lanes. While one travel lane may get slightly closer, the other travel lane is moving farther away. 3) Unfortunately they will be impacted by the new sidewalk. 4) We can meet to discuss driveway further
<p>Just wanted to let you folks know that the traffic light at Shaw and 198th will not pick bicycles. I have a trike, so it has a lot of metal low to the ground if it is detected by the loop. I have tried on the mark and to the left and right. If it is detected by an optical sensor, I have tried moving back and forth, with no results. This is all westbound, east from Intel works fine. Please feel free to contact me. Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you. The signals are on video detection. I will let our Traffic Engineering technicians know so they can adjust the sensitivity of the cameras.</p>

END OF COMMENTS