



FACT SHEET #2

Washington County Ordinance No. 802

Bonny Slope West Transportation Concerns

Oct. 2, 2015

Background:

The Bonny Slope West area was added the Urban Growth Boundary by Metro in 2002. Washington County Ordinance No. 802 proposes to adopt land use district designations and establish design elements for Bonny Slope West. It also proposes amendments to the Transportation System Plan, Community Plan and other Comprehensive Plan elements to implement the urban development of Bonny Slope West. Ordinance No. 802 does not identify funding for roads, parks, water, sewer, or other public services needed to serve the area.

Development in Bonny Slope West is expected to contribute about \$8.3 million for road projects to improve safety for all road users and to provide additional roadway capacity.

Resident concerns:

1. **Narrow lanes and a lack of pedestrian facilities on Saltzman Road between Bayonne Lane and Laidlaw Road**
2. **More street connections from Bonny Slope West to Thompson Road**
3. **Fewer street connections from Bonny Slope West to existing residential developments**

County responses:

1. Narrow lanes and a lack of pedestrian facilities on Saltzman Road between Bayonne Lane and Laidlaw Road

A \$1.2 million pedestrian path or sidewalk and other safety improvements to Saltzman Road are included in the proposed Bonny Slope West transportation funding strategy included in the Infrastructure Funding Plan. These improvements will benefit both new and existing residents. While Bonny Slope West traffic is expected to constitute only about 5 percent of peak-hour trips on this segment of Saltzman Road, this interim project will be funded primarily with developer-paid Transportation Development Tax (TDT) and a proposed developer-paid supplemental Bonny Slope West Transportation System Development Charge (TSDC).

In addition to the interim improvements described above, the County's Transportation System Plan also calls for a future realignment and widening of Saltzman Road, between Bayonne Lane and Laidlaw Road, at an estimated cost of about \$11 million. Given limited funding, the County carefully prioritizes road improvements. Saltzman Road is one of several County roads in need of substantial reconstruction to address existing safety issues. While Saltzman Road certainly needs improvement, other roadways within the County are also high priorities. As a result, the realignment is considered a longer-term project.

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2. More street connections from Bonny Slope West to Thompson Road

There are three existing streets connecting Bonny Slope West to Thompson Road — Marcotte Road, NW 118th Avenue, and NW 120th Avenue. The portion of NW 120th Avenue connecting to Thompson Road is a private easement. As a result, a public street connection might not be constructed there.

The County expects future development applications to include additional street connections to Thompson Road. Additional street connections may be allowed through the development review process, subject to meeting spacing and safety requirements.

3. Fewer street connections from Bonny Slope West to existing residential developments

The County's street connectivity standards were adopted in the mid-1990s to meet regional planning requirements designed to create more interconnected communities. Proposed Ordinance No. 802 implements these connectivity standards.

The existing neighborhoods west of Bonny Slope West developed under these connectivity standards. As a result, three streets — NW Millford Street, NW Brimpton Court, and NW Grenoble Lane — were extended to the eastern edge of the neighborhoods to ensure future connectivity to Bonny Slope West. Both proposed Ordinance No. 802 and the Washington County Community Development Code require these existing streets to connect to future developments in Bonny Slope West.

Provision of additional street connections to Thompson Road (as noted in 2. above) is expected to reduce the potential number of vehicles using the Millford, Brimpton, and Grenoble street connections. A proposed ordinance amendment will help ensure that traffic utilizing these street connections will be at a volume and speed that is appropriate for the neighborhood.

For more information:

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