



WALKER ROAD - PHASE 2 SW SCHENDEL AVE TO SW BUTNER RD

Meet The Contractor Open House Summary May 18, 2023

Washington County and the City of Beaverton held a project open house for the Walker Road - Phase 2 improvement project on Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 5 to 7 pm at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's Howard M Terpenning's complex's Dryland Training Room (15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton). No formal presentation was held.

To inform the public and interested parties of the event, Washington County sent out approximately 800 postcards to adjacent business and property owners and the surrounding neighborhoods, which included areas of CPO 1 and 7. County staff sent a media release to its standard list of local and regional news media outlets (print, television and radio). An e-newsletter was sent out to project subscribers. The project website 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 the open house was to allow the public to meet the contractor and to preview their preliminary construction schedule and other project related materials. Members of the public were invited to stop in at any time during the event to review the material and to discuss concerns and issues with county and city staff as well as the contractor. An informal open house format was used at the meeting, allowing the public to discuss their issues and concerns directly with county and city staff as well as members of the consultant design team. Attendees were encouraged to meet the design team members, ask questions, and to record their comments on the open house comment form. Approximately 30 members of the public attended the open house, which included some that chose not to sign in.

The following exhibits were available for review at the meeting:

- SW Walker Road Strip Map (including 158th Avenue improvements) with Cross Sections
- SW Walker Road - Contractor's Preliminary Project Schedule
- SW Walker Road – Preliminary Staging Plan
- SW Walker Road - THPRD Water Quality Pond Improvements
- SW Walker Road - Sound and Retaining Wall examples
- SW Walker Road - Fast Fact sheet handout with preliminary schedule and county contact information

Comment forms were available for those attending the open house. Four people submitted comments at the open house. The following is a summary of those comments received and staff's response to these comments.

Comment(s)	Staff Response
All comments are typed verbatim and were reviewed by the project design team members.	
Construction time: Stop – start construction (keep going until finished)	Staff (and the contractor) understand your concerns about this issue. The schedule is tight so we will need everyone from suppliers to the utility providers to stay on top of their work.
The traffic study for this was done over 10 years ago. Will a new study be done to determine the new number of cars using the side streets SW 150 th and SW Meadow (during rush hour especially) to determine how long the light timing needs to be for cars exiting those streets onto Walker (it needs to be longer than it is now? Cars are already backed up on SW 150 th try to exit due to congestion (gas station, coffee shop, apartments) all at the same location.	Unfortunately, a new traffic study for this project will not be done. The good news is that signal timing can be adjusted for better flow of traffic. I have already notified our Traffic signal technicians to see if they can adjust the signal timing at 150 th and Meadows to address some of this backup for morning commuters.
I commute to and from work on Walker Road daily, so this will greatly affect my commute, as well as several of my coworkers. Can I please ask that you not block the flow of traffic during rush hours (at least 7:00-8:30AM and 4:30-6PM)? That would really be appreciated. Too bad so many trees have to be destroyed for this 😞	The contractor is only allowed to restrict travel lanes between 9AM and 3:30PM on Walker and 158 th , and between 8:30AM and 4:00PM on adjacent roadways. Hopefully, these restrictions hours have limited impact to area commuters.
I would encourage the county to consider the livability of the residential neighborhood along Walker Road between 158 th and Cedar Hills Boulevard. The more lanes of traffic that you build, the less livable the neighborhood becomes. There are many families with young children in this area, which has many entry level houses. The more lanes you build, the faster traffic proceeds, the more accidents, and tragedies there will be	The county understands your concerns regarding the livability of the adjacent neighborhoods and will balance the needs of the community with improved road safety for all roadway users.
END OF COMMENTS	