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From: Linda Bierly <bierlyskl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:21 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Salem City budget

Categories: Follow-up

Mayor Bennett and Councilors,

This is a request to changing the recommended City Budget prior to adoption by the City Council.

I ask that the funding (3.6 million dollars) dedicated to construction of 3 blocks of Marine Drive from Glen Creek Road to Cameo Street NW be instead used to fund acquisition of right of way for Marine Drive from 5th Ave. NW to Harritt Drive.

We still do not know the future of Marine Drive. The uncertainty that currently surrounds West Salem transportation routes makes it difficult to plan both for the physical layout and the financial needs of this road. It seems premature to commit funds to begin actual road construction.

It does seem certain that trying to squeeze a 60 foot road between a retirement community and a stream leading to the Willamette River back channel and slough will cause disruption and loss to both. If Marine Drive is eventually widened to a minor arterial, the damage and loss increases.

It seems prudent to use these funds to connect the missing pieces of Marine Drive right of way from 5th Avenue to Harritt Drive. Land only becomes more expensive over time.

Thank you,
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From: JAMES BROWN <bullybuds@comcast.net>
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Subject: Written testimony re: Jun 12 and 26 Marine Drive Considerations for all Council members.

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To all City Council members :

I am a long term resident and owner of 5 residences located at the North end of Cameo St. NW. I have been living with vagaries of a Marine Dr. routing and how it will impact me for many years. I am glad to see some definition occurring. I regret that I am unable to address you in person.

Please consider these opinions in your thinking thru the usage of budgeted monies related to Marine Drive. Why use these funds for a footprint gesture to a distant third bridge when such a connection can be routed for a more immediate and practical usage for the larger West Salem residential and business communities? This change in routing would access Taybin to 5th St. then on to Harriet Dr. and it's current housing population

Such investment westerly on Taybin to 5th to Harriet provides more economical acquisition of right of way by avoiding multiple property ownerships and Zoning authorities restricted properties. Most of the construction would be within city jurisdiction as opposed to a future Marine Dr. extension northward via Cameo and the multiple jurisdiction involved in that . If we ever see a third bridge connection remains feasible.

Let's use this money wisely and with immediate practicality for West Salem. These funds were initially conceived to relieve congestion on traffic and only coincidentally relate to the notion of a questionable third bridge.

Thank you

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Subject: Budget item: Marine Drive, West Salem

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Salem City Councilors,

As you deliberate this month on next year's budget, please give special attention to Marine Drive.

Currently, the segment of Marine Drive in the budget is a 1200-ft long street running from Glen Creek Road to Cameo St. at the east end of Pioneer Village. Construction of this segment will have a considerable impact on either Pioneer Village or Wallace Marine Park or both. The price tag is just under \$3.5 million.

As a West Salem resident, I favor the version of Marine Drive as passed by the West Salem Neighborhood Association, namely, the purchase of right-of-way from Fifth Ave at the west end of Pioneer Village all the way to Harritt Drive. Allocating the money for this segment has many advantages: It is a better use of available funds because it creates a route for residents on the east side of Wallace to get back and forth to Roth's and other services without using Wallace Road. It opens up land for development, thereby generating revenue for street construction. It eliminates any impact on Wallace Marine Park. It reduces impact on Pioneer Village.

By contrast, the Glen Creek to Cameo route serves no immediate purpose and literally goes nowhere.

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in on this important topic.

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