



# Morningside Neighborhood Association

January 13, 2020

City Council  
City of Salem

Morningside Neighborhood Association: Testimony to City Council

**Agenda Item: 4a**

**City Council: Subdivision Public Hearing: SUB19-08**

Mayor and City Council:

**MNA recommends a Condition #49**

**Require a Bike/ped path on Reed Road.**

1. MNA was promised (by the applicant's presentation to neighborhood) "a pedestrian sidewalk for the full length of the Reed Road frontage". "All the way".
2. Reed Road is extremely narrow, is unsafe, has no pedestrian walk or shoulder either side (just a ditch), and carries large volumes of traffic including large trucks, from I-5 (at 27<sup>th</sup>) to Fairview Industrial.
3. MNA has been anticipating development both sides of Reed, which is now happening, to provide the needed pedestrian walkway, and some safety.
4. Parks Dept came to MNA last year to present their plan to link Reed Road Neighborhood Park to Fairview Community Park by a bike/ped path down Reed Road then eventually via the Old Strong Road route.
5. The adopted Morningside 360 Neighborhood Plan also shows these two proposed parks, both linked by the needed bike/ped path.
6. The Parks Master Plan and the Morningside 360 Neighborhood Plan are both consistent in the siting of these two parks and linking bike/ped path.
7. Marine Drive in West Salem is a good model of an appropriate and adopted city standard, with 11 ft. (2-way) bike/ped path one side and 5 ft. sidewalk on other. Portions have been built where there are new apartments.
8. A large apartment development is now currently under construction on the other side of Reed, with construction dump trucks currently using Reed (with large warning signs on Reed), but this complex was carefully sited a few feet from Reed, so no sidewalk is planned or required unfortunately, even though it uses Reed as its access. This is poor planning.

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9. MNA needs all these developments to include these needed pedestrian and bike paths on Reed, without excuses. The pedestrian walk was firmly promised at the neighborhood association presentation by the applicant. It is not shown on the detailed plans submitted for this hearing. It also is not a condition in the staff report. Council should REQUIRE the promised pedestrian walk, built to City Standards along this Minor Arterial. Marine Drive could be a model for the needed standard bike-ped path, to implement the Parks Master Plan and the Morningside 360 Neighborhood Plan.
10. MNA Executive Board met last Wednesday and discussed the walkway that is missing from the Staff Report, and from the drawings. **MNA voted unanimously to send a letter asking the City Council to ensure that the Reed Road bike/ped walkway, within a half-street improvement, be included in the conditions of approval.**

Sincerely,

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Chair

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