

## Ruth Stellmacher

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**From:** Kirk Matthews <kirk.s.matthews@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Cemetery Path

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to take a minute to email my support regarding a potential path connecting Hoyt & Rural. We would love to be able to walk further North, without having to contend with Commercial St. Our kids will appreciate that path when they're getting to and from SSHS. We'd be happy to assist in maintaining the path as well.

Thanks for your hard work and consideration!

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**From:** Denise Duren <duren.denise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** For multisFor trail from Rural Street to Pioneer Cemetery

Dear Salem,

My we are very interested in the creation of the proposed multiple use trail to be created from Rural Street to Pioneer Cemetery as it will greatly improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, improve citizen's health by providing safe exercise opportunity, and approve community live ability by providing green space.

We prefer the installation of fencing to secure cemetery boundaries and to allow pathway passage beyond dusk.

Thank you,

Christian and Denise Duren

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Denise Duren

**"What you are is what you have been. What you'll be is what you do now."  
Buddha**

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**From:** John Donovan <jsdentmd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2020 9:12 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** cemetery

i am supporting the new bike path for the reason stated in the article.  
I bike on Commercial SE and would love a thru route from downtown.  
The city can place bullards at the entrance and exit to block at cars. Trash cans can be placed at one end that the city or volunteers could empty.

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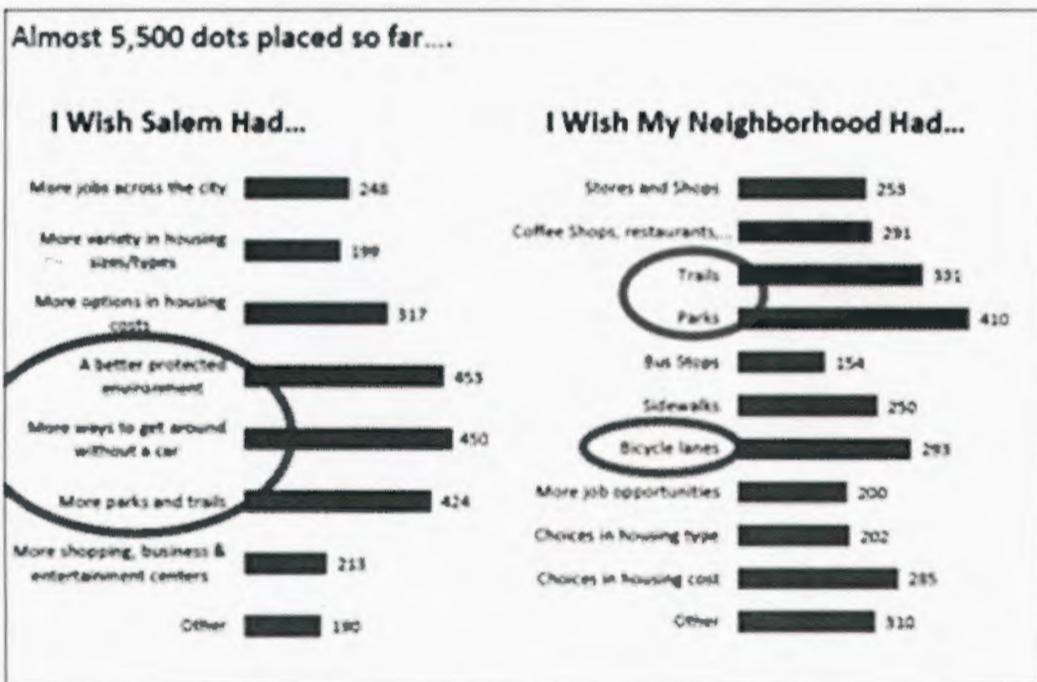
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# TRAILS



Over the last 40 years, City surveys have shown that the public wants more trails and linear parks that connect neighborhoods. The results from the 2019 Our Salem survey shows that the public continues to prioritize trails and parks more than anything else.



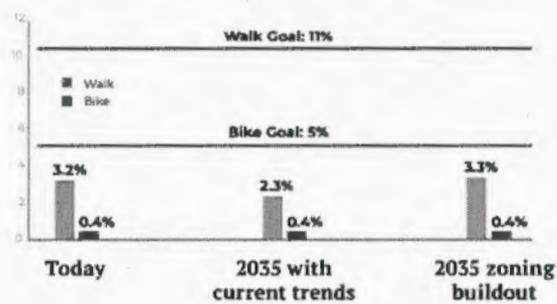
In addition, the public through their behavior is telling the City that they don't want to ride bikes on arterials inches from death and they don't want to walk on curbside sidewalks on these arterials. The percent of people walking and biking is far below our goal, but what is worse is that the gap is widening.



### BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN USE

Salem has adopted targets to increase walking and biking trips. By 2020, we aspire to have 3% of our trips to work be by bike and 7% of our trips to work be by foot. By 2030, we are aiming for 5% by bike and 11% by foot. We are not on track to meet these goals.

PERCENTAGE OF TRIPS BY BIKE OR WALKING



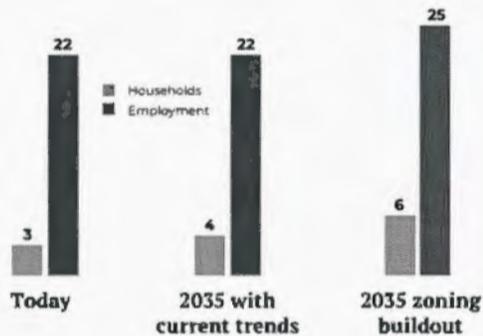
Ten years ago, the bike trips were at 1%, now they are 0.4%. Walking was 5.6% and now it is 3.2% with the trend for both modes staying the same or decreasing over the next 15 years. The lack of suitable facilities for walking and biking also affects the livability rating for walking and transit friendliness as shown by the chart below from Our Salem. On a scale of 0 to 100 with 100 being outstanding access for non-drivers, Salem rates a 3, a 3. That score is not expected to improve much given our current trends.



### WALK AND TRANSIT FRIENDLINESS

The walk and transit friendliness score is based on ease of walking, access to transit, proximity to a variety of land uses, and other factors that allow for a range of travel choices. The score is between 0 and 100. A higher score means non-drivers—which may include seniors, youth, or mobility-challenged residents can safely access the places they need to go. Due to our development trends, we expect to stay the same. Many cities are striving to improve.

WALK AND TRANSIT FRIENDLINESS SCORE: 0-100

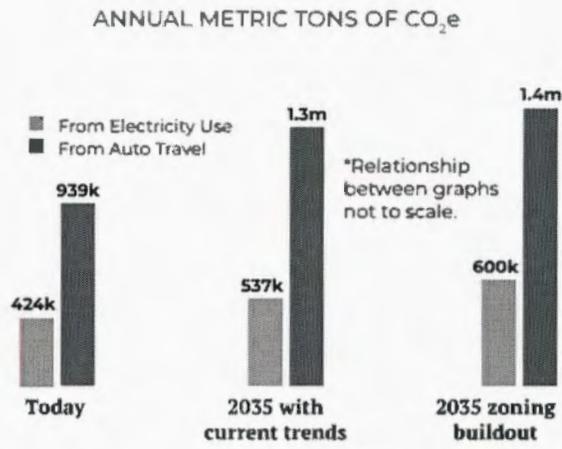


Salem has a goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by half by 2035. That does not appear possible given current priorities for city funded projects.



## GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Greenhouse gas emissions (GhG) are known to pollute the air and cause long-term changes to climate. Emissions will increase in the future under either growth scenario. That's because the sources of emissions remain the same—such as electricity use in buildings and cars—and there will be more buildings and vehicles in the future if current development and transportation trends continue. Salem falls in the middle for GhG emissions per capita among major cities in Oregon.



Today you have information before you concerning a connector trail between two neighborhoods. This connection was severed years ago and you can correct that problem. Supporting this project will be a step toward giving Salem citizens what they want; more trails, more access to parks, improved neighborhood connections, and making it easier to get around without driving. This will be good for the neighborhoods and the City.