

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

February 27, 2024

Agenda Item:	5b	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Banks-Vernonia Trail – Washington County Dedication	
Presented by:	Ladd Whitcomb, Property Agent	

Washington County has been a longtime partner on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail (BV Trail). In 2009 OPRD and Washington County entered into a grant and development agreement to realign Sellers Road and to construct the Banks trailhead for the BV Trail. The approximately \$1,500,000 project was funded, largely, by a \$1,100,000 Transportation Enhancement grant and used Washington County's design and engineering teams. The project realigned Sellers Road for Washington County, built a trailhead parking lot for OPRD, constructed a new bridge crossing at Dairy Creek for the BV Trail, and paved a half-mile connection from the trailhead to where the trail had previously stopped, just outside the City of Banks. This Washington County-fueled project completed the paved trail that extends from the Banks Trailhead to L.L. "Stub" Stewart Memorial State Park.

This project required right-of-way dedication for realignment of Sellers Road, drainage easements, and an ingress/egress easement from OPRD to Washington County. The realignment let Washington County abandoned the old Sellers Road right-of-way, allowing OPRD's trailhead to be contiguous and not bisected by Sellers Road. Now, Washington County is improving the intersection at Highway 47, Cedar Canyon Road/Banks Road, Sellers Road and is asking OPRD to dedicate an additional portion of right-of-way so they have the room they need to make their sidewalks ADA compliant. As this sidewalk is directly connected to OPRD's Trailhead sidewalk, this will also benefit the recreating public, particularly those that enjoy a paved trail.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the dedication of this property to Washington County for their intersection improvement project.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: Approve the dedication of this property to Washington County and authorize the OPRD director to sign all necessary instruments effectuating the transaction.

Attachments: 5b Attachment A - Map

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