SW Bike Boulevards Project Creating Bicycling Opportunities for All

SWTrails plans will be preparing a recommendation to the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) to provide an improved system of bicycle routes in SW Portland. Such a system will rely primarily on low-traffic streets to be connected into a system of "bicycle boulevards" with a pleasant and safe bicycling environment - something that is certainly lacking in SW Portland today. SE Portland has an extensive system of bicycle boulevards, which are easy to find and navigate through the use of signs, pavement markings, and methods to calm automobile traffic.

Please Join Us to Improve Bicycling in SW

SWTrails is asking SW residents to help develop a similar bicycle boulevard system in SW. A preliminary map of possible routes has been developed, and we now need to identify the best low-traffic streets for bicycling. To do this, SWTrails is sponsoring a series of neighborhood bike rides to identify these routes. Each one will have a ride leader familiar with the neighborhood. These will be fun, leisurely rides that will last about 2-3 hours. Naturally, hills will be unavoidable, so ride for as long or as little as you like. During the course of the rides, you will be asked about which routes should be part of a bicycle route network in SW.

Bicycle Ride Schedule

We hope to see you on one or more of the bicycle boulevard rides listed. Most important - we want your ideas. If you can't participate in the rides, but want to make bicycle route or improvement recommendations, please contact Keith Liden (<u>liden@pbworld.com</u> 503-224-4066).

Ride Location	Meeting Place and Time*	Ride Leader
SW Hills Residential League,	Bridlemile School, 4300 SW 47 th	Keith Liden 503-224-4066
Bridlemile and Healy	(north of Hamilton)	liden@pbworld.com
Heights	Thursday, July 19 th , 5:30 p.m.	
Hillsdale and South	Wilson HS tennis courts (NE side	Steve Evans 503-452-8930
Burlingame	of the school)	sevans@coho.net
	Thursday, August 16 th , 5:30 p.m.	
Hayhurst, Maplewood,	Gabriel Park Community Center	Keith Liden 503-224-4066
Ashcreek and Crestwood	(parking lot entrance)	liden@pbworld.com
	Sunday, July 22, 3 p.m.	
Multnomah, Markham, West	Maplewood School on SW 52nd	Chris Mays 503-293-5382
Portland Park and Far	Sunday August 19 th , 10 a.m.	<pre>cdmays@comcast.net</pre>
Southwest		
South Portland and	Terwilliger School (Portland	Sharon Fekety 503-224-
Homestead	French American Sch. on SW	8886
	Corbett)	fekety@hevanet.com
	Saturday, August 4 th , 10 a.m.	
South Burlingame, Collins	Riverdale High School, 9727 SW	Sharon Fekety 503-224-
View, Marshal Park and	Terwilliger Blvd.	8886
Arnold Creek	Sunday, July 15 th , 3:00 p.m.	fekety@hevanet.com



Portland Bicycle Master Plan Update

The comments and information coming from the rides will be used to develop a comprehensive recommendation for SW bicycle boulevard routes and other improvements to be included in the current update of the 1996 *Portland Bicycle Master Plan*. Identifying bicycle boulevards and other bicycle improvements in the master plan will be an important first step toward improving bicycling in SW.