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Dear Kim Overhage, Mimi Doukas, Greg Kiene, Jennifer Nye, Ric Stephens, Scott Winter and Linda Wilson

Cc: Mayor Denny Doyle, Leigh Crabtree, Jabra Khasho and other members of the Beaverton SCM Planning Team

This package is to introduce the testimony of *Cooper Mountain 175th Avenue Neighborhood Association* (<http://www.save175th.org/>), made up of the homeowners and neighbors who live along, and must use, 175th Avenue from Scholls Ferry Road to Rigert Avenue as their only road to the outside world.

There are approximately 400 homes immediately affected and we have 144 signatures thus far representing 95 households along this road in complete support of this enclosed package.

OUR MISSION:

The reasonable preservation of 175th as a functional route for existing residents.

CONTEXT:

The full distance of 175th from Scholls Ferry to Rigert is 2.6 miles. It is covered in several sections of the full South Cooper Mountain Concept (SCM) Plan. The enclosed package will present a complete overview of the full length of the road for context. The section of the road within the 500-acre Beaverton SCM is from Scholls Ferry to Alvord Lane (.8 miles). Below is our request for your consideration regarding those aspects that are specifically within your realm of decision-making.

OUR REQUEST OF THE BEAVERTON SCM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Awareness of the safety and livability concerns on 175th
2. Ensure that High Density *access* is not along an unsafe road and grade – ensure the access is along the road that just had major upgrades (Scholls Ferry); including proposed school access
3. Slow the SCM development to follow the infrastructure:
 - give Washington County Transportation (WCT) the time to make safety changes on 175th
 - give WCT the time to build the safe alternative around the mountain
4. Allow us to work cooperatively and collaboratively with transportation planners to find mutually-beneficial transportation solutions

Thank You,

Frank Warren

On Behalf of Cooper Mountain 175th Avenue Neighborhood Association

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I. Who We Are

Cooper Mountain 175th Avenue Neighborhood Association (<http://www.save175th.org/>), made up of the homeowners and neighbors who live along 175th Avenue from Scholls Ferry Road to Rigert Avenue.

What We've Done To-Date

- Several of our members attended the Visioning Workshops and Open Houses and we did have representation on The Citizens Advisory Committee.
- We formed the 175th Neighborhood Association in August 2014 and immediately began to contribute skills and knowledge in a productive manner to help make 175th a safer and more livable road through cooperative dialogue and information dissemination.
- We have had very cooperative meetings with County Commissioners, Roy Rogers and Andy Duyck as well as with Leigh Crabtree, Jabra Khasho and Dyami Valentine.
- We have held 2 Open Meetings with the residents living on 175th – attendance was 35 people at the first meeting and 29 at the second meeting.
- We set up a website to disseminate accurate information to the residents to help educate – to calm their concerns and reduce misinformation. We carefully check our facts with the official Planning groups before posting any information. We consistently advocate cooperation and collaborative planning with the agencies responsible for the Concept Plan and Washington County Transportation Planning.

II. Problem Statement

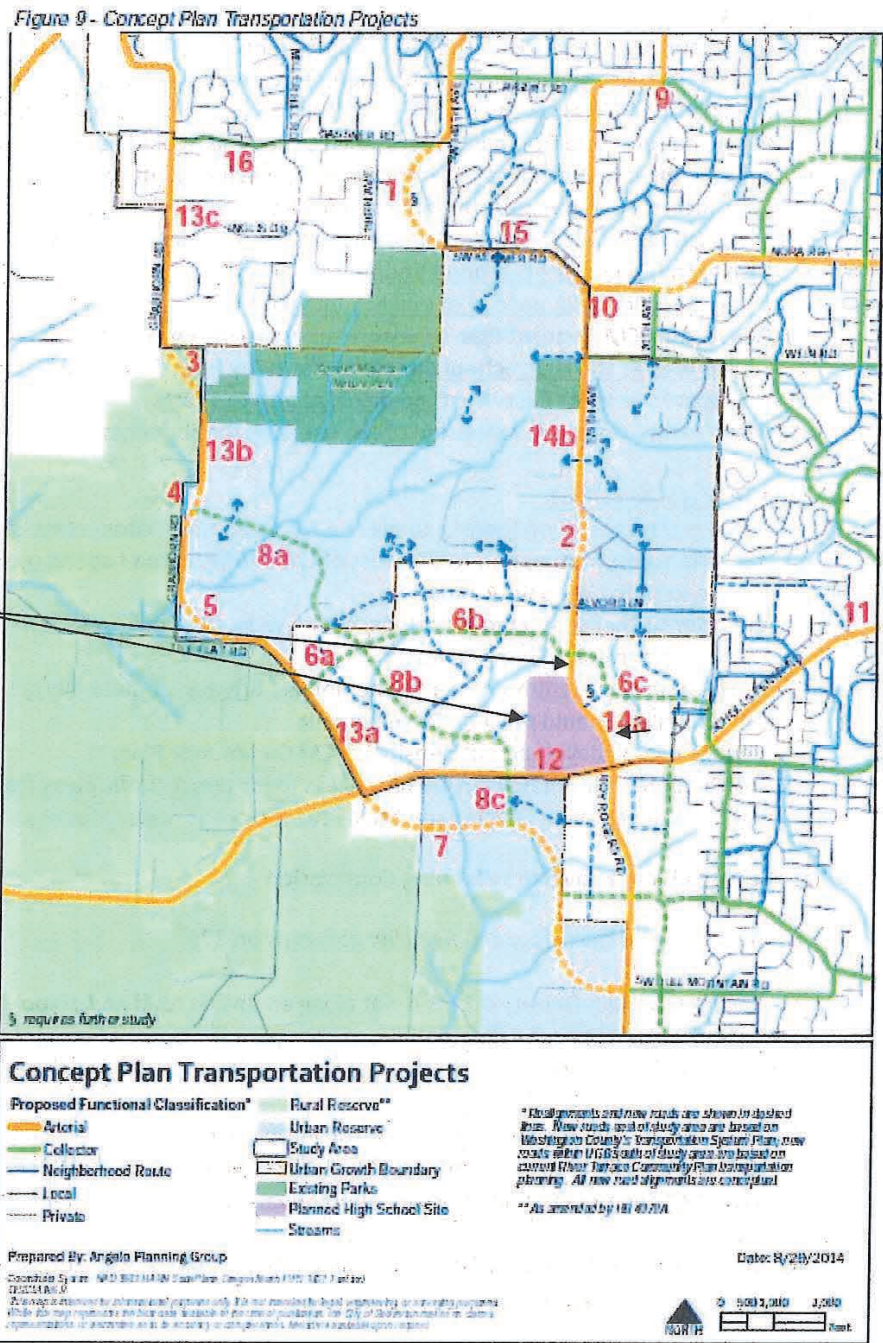
- 175th is a rural arterial and is being misused "...to accommodate significant amounts of urban-to-urban through-traffic..." and an inappropriate route through a rural neighborhood.
- 175th Avenue currently is an overtrafficked country road, and is not suited to be an arterial due to: steep grade, active landslide, blindspots, curves, school bus stops, mailboxes across the road from residents' homes, private driveways opening directly onto the road, and now Winkleman Park, with very active traffic for the dog park
- Portions are outside the UGB and subject to Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission criteria which adds to the complexity of balancing the solutions
- 175th cannot be feasibly modified to handle the projected 2035 traffic from an economic nor safety standpoint

Projected traffic increases along 175th:
Per City of Beaverton Transportation Consultants: =>
it will double 2013 – 2035; tripling** vs 2008 (** with metric caveats)**

2008	2013	2035
6K cars/day**	8.5K cars/day**	17/18K cars/day**

III. Map

Divert access to
Scholls Ferry and
Tile Flat - away
from 175th



IV. Proposal

Short Term: (0-2 YEARS)

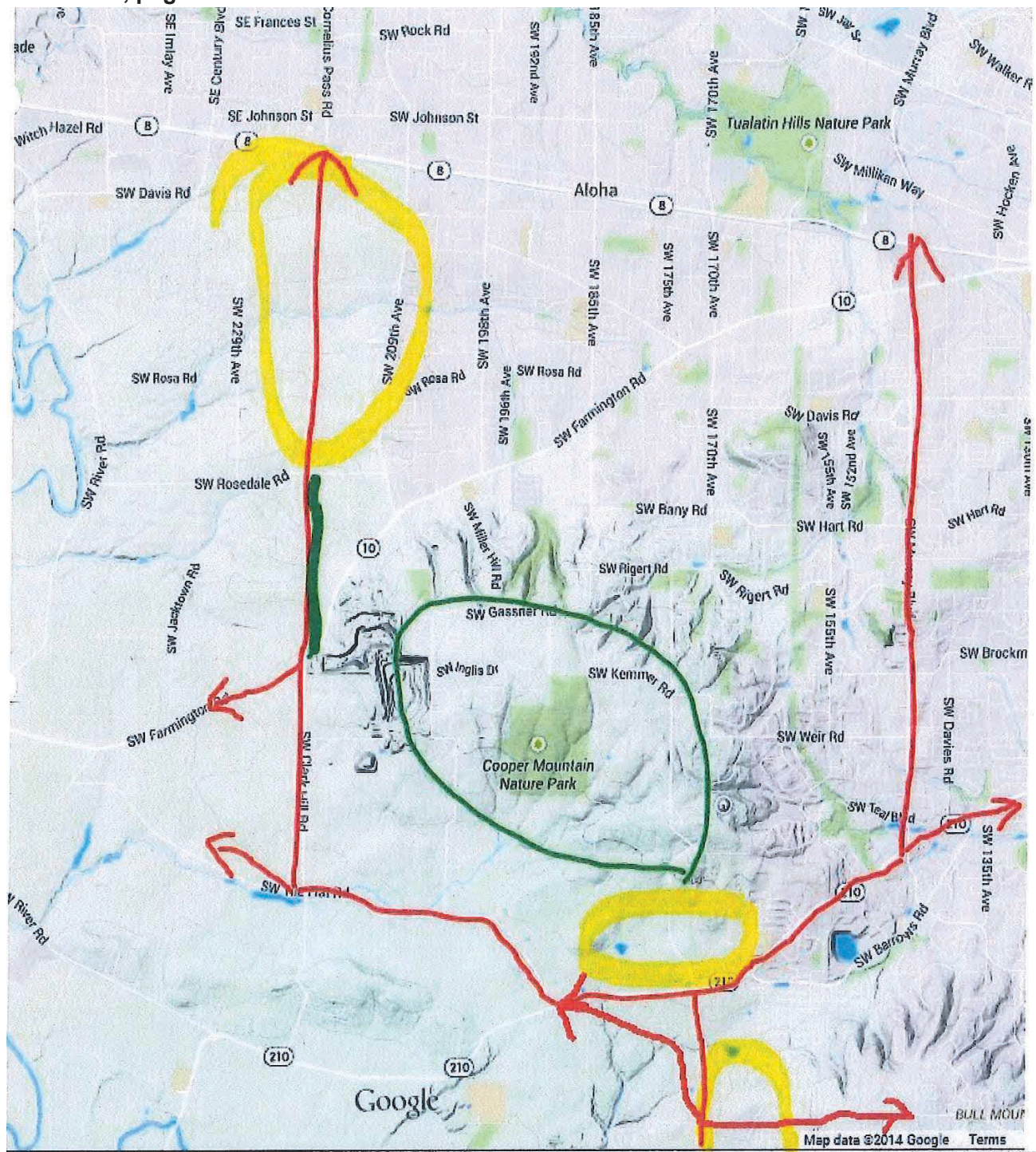
- Adjust speed limit on top of the hill as appropriate (ODOT – with help from WCT) and increase speed limit monitoring/enforcement (ODOT, Sheriff)
- No “Jake” BRAKES allowed and NO THRU TRUCKS (only if not arterial) (Sheriff)
- Plan for a safer solution than the stop sign at Kemmer (could be nothing at all)
- **Add the most beneficial safety improvements such as signage;** especially at Rigert Rd. at the bottom of the steep hill where 175th has a sharp blind curve; eg. NO LEFT TURN, rumble strips; turtles &/or other lane reminders.
- Plan for a future arterial around Cooper Mountain to the west (and north) eg. Beef Bend Rd. instead of Bull Mountain Rd.
- **Beaverton SCM Concept Plan to ensure access roads for high density housing as well as the High School directs traffic away from 175th and onto Scholls Ferry or East-West; no direct access to 175th.**
- Move mailboxes to the same side of the street as the residents

Long Term: (5-20 YEARS)

- Refocus transportation funding to make a North-South & connecting East-West transportation option to the west of Cooper Mtn; **Don’t spend money on 175th except for key safety initiatives.**
 - Consider further safety modifications, but leave in, the “kink” on 175th at High Hill Ln. as a traffic calming device.
 - Don’t remove current homes or further impact private property along 175th.
 - **Infrastructure should precede Development**
 - **Reduce overall development density in SCM Community Plan**
 - North Cooper Mountain Plan ensure access roads direct traffic away from 175th
 - Reduce Concept Plan development density for Upper Cooper Mountain areas.
- **What We Need From Beaverton Planning Commission**
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Note: We recognize that only the highlighted items are within Beaverton jurisdiction.

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LONG TERM:

**LOOK AT THE TOPOGRAPHY
GO AROUND THE MOUNTAIN**

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