

## **WE ARE:**

Cooper Mountain 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Association (<http://www.save175th.org/>), made up of the homeowners who live along 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Scholls Ferry Road to Rigert Avenue and are part of the South Cooper Mountain Plan (<http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/index.aspx?nid=1210>).

## **OUR MISSION:**

The reasonable preservation of 175<sup>th</sup> as a functional route for existing residents.

## **CURRENT PROBLEM/SITUATION:**

175<sup>th</sup> Avenue currently is an overtrafficked county road, not an arterial, and is not suited to be an arterial due to steep grade, active landslide, blindspots, curves and private driveways opening directly onto the road.

Personal Safety: This country road runs 2.6 miles from Scholls to Rigert Road and has a multitude of current problems. We are very concerned that the Beaverton South Cooper Mountain (SCM) Plan is to add 3000 more homes in this proximity that will increase traffic significantly on this already-overloaded road.

Housing Values: Loss of road frontage (one home has already lost 15' of frontage and others will lose more). Several homeowners have put their homes up for sale and have had to lower their price by \$10,000 each, due to heavy traffic noise levels on 175<sup>th</sup>. New High Density housing in proximity will decrease the value of the homes already in place.

## **WHAT WE NEED:**

### **Short Term:**

- Lower the speed limit on top of the hill to 35mph with greater law enforcement (to reduce noise levels and for safety).
- Move mailboxes to same side of road as physical address (it's already dangerous crossing 175<sup>th</sup> on foot to pick up mail).
- NO THRU TRUCKS nor "J" BRAKES allowed (currently posted on many other roads on Cooper Mtn).
- Plan for a future arterial around Cooper Mountain to the west, *not over it*, due to winter weather issues on the steep roads over Cooper Mtn and the many issues cited.
- Plan for a better solution than the stop sign at Kemmer due to the current backup northbound on 175<sup>th</sup>.
- NO LEFT TURN onto Rigert Rd. at the bottom of the steep hill where 175th has a sharp blind curve.
- Reduce the development density along 175th in the Beaverton SCM Concept Plan.

### **Long Term:**

- Refocus transportation funding to make a North-South transportation option to the west of Cooper Mtn.
- Leave the "kink" on 175th at High Hill Ln. alone as a traffic calming device.
- Don't remove current homes or further impact property along 175th.
- Infrastructure should precede Development!
- Reduce overall development density in SCM Community Plan.
- Reduce Concept Plan development density for Upper Cooper Mountain areas.

**WE WILL FULLY SUPPORT** traffic movement alternatives which go around the mountain. We have been participants as individuals in the Citizen's Advisory Committee as well as at the Citizen's Planning Workshops consistently taking this position. It is our plan to be present at the Beaverton Planning Commission as a group and to follow that up as well with the Washington County Planning Commission.

**SAFETY ISSUE DETAILS:**

The road goes up and over Cooper Mountain, including a 14-degree grade, a landslide scarp which is already active south of the TV&F firehouse necessitating road repairs, 4 vertical blind spots (blind rises), 51 private driveways (20 driveways per mile), with a sharp turn (“kink”) over a deep ravine on the South side and a very dangerous curve at the bottom of the North side, and there are no sidewalks as well as no allowance for bicycles (though it is a favorite for avid cyclists). And the SCM Plan calls for Beaverton to add a new High School right at the bottom of this road which is dangerous enough in good weather, and historically extremely hazardous at both ends with winter ice or snow even with de-icing.

**PICTURES:**

Traffic lined up south of the Kemmer stop sign (summer 2014):



½ mile traffic backup from Kemmer over a blind hump (45 mph speed limit with very limited sight distance):



**SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF THE COOPER MOUNTAIN 175<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**

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