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Multnomah County Board approves transfer of Cornelius Pass Road to ODOT

Multnomah County's Board of Commissioners has approved a transfer of the county's section of NW Cornelius Pass Road to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT is expected to take jurisdiction for the section of the road that extends from Highway 30 to Highway 26 by March 2021.

The transfer was mandated by the Oregon Legislature as part of [House Bill 2017](#) that was passed in 2017 and signed into law by Governor Brown.

Transfer of the road was included in the larger transportation funding bill by area legislators who felt that ODOT was better positioned than Multnomah County to make major improvements to the road. The next step in the transfer is a vote by the [Oregon Transportation Commission](#), which is expected to take place in early 2021.

The section of the road in Washington County between Highway 26 and Multnomah County will also be transferred to ODOT. The transferred section of road will be known as Oregon 127.

In recent years, traffic on the road has increased significantly. It is one of the few roads that connect Columbia and Multnomah counties with Washington County and carries significant truck traffic. The five-mile section in rural Multnomah County is narrow, steep and winding and has a history of serious crashes.

ODOT requested that Multnomah County complete safety improvements to the road before the transfer. The [improvements](#) were completed in October.

The road is named for [Thomas Cornelius](#), an Oregon soldier and politician who built the road in the 19th century. He settled in Washington County, where the town of [Cornelius](#) was named for him.

For more information on the transfer, visit [ODOT's website](#).

METRO Annual Report

From: Metro Parks and Nature Team

Date: December 17, 2020

Dear Friends of Metro:

As 2020 comes to a close, I feel immense gratitude for everything we've accomplished together, despite the challenges of a difficult year. While COVID-19 kept us from traveling or spending time together indoors, our parks and natural areas took on new meaning this year, providing community members with much-needed spaces to connect with nature close to home. Thanks to the hard work of staff members and partners like you, Metro parks and natural areas have remained open during the pandemic with additional health and safety measures.

I had the chance to work with many of you this year as we entered the first phase of the 2019 bond implementation. Thanks to everyone who spent quality time with us in Zoom meetings, participated in online community engagement or shared your expertise. The pandemic has changed our approach, but the work continues — we're using virtual tools to connect with community members and develop a work plan to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide access to nature for communities across the region.

We're guided by our commitment to racial equity, community engagement and climate resilience. To me, that means connecting communities of color to resources; providing more equitable access to safe, welcoming parks, trails and natural areas; and helping people of color connect with nature and one another in the region's parks and nature system.

I'm pleased to share our latest annual report featuring highlights from July 2019 to June 2020. During that time, construction began at two future nature parks: Chehalem Ridge in western Washington County and Newell Creek Canyon in Oregon City. We've also restored hundreds of acres of habitat, awarded 15 grants to community groups for projects designed to increase racial equity and climate resilience, worked to make nature more accessible to people of color — and much more.

Please check out the [full digital version of the annual report](#), which offers an immersive storytelling experience with interactive maps, infographics and more. The annual report helps us stay accountable to voters. Our work is funded with the remaining money from the 2006 bond measure, the 2019 bond measure and the parks and natural areas levy renewal, which started in July 2018 and goes through June 2023.

Thank you for your continued support and for joining us on this shared journey toward a more equitable region where everybody can enjoy the benefits of clean water, healthy habitat and access to nature. If we haven't had the chance to connect recently, I hope we'll get to work together in the new year! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to chat.

Calendar

Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpdx.org/calendar.html>

Resource Directory

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Skyline Resource Directory](#). Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

Community Links

Skyline Grange: <http://www.srnpdx.org/grange.html>
Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.org/>
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

About the Newsline

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speroff.

The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpdx.org. If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

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