



The Parks HOA News August 8, 2011

Metolius Drive Construction Project Update

A) This information was provided by the Developer's Engineer on August 4, 2011:

The Metolius Drive Street Improvement Project is about to begin! We conducted the City of Bend Pre-Construction Meeting this morning (Aug 4) with the selected contractor, Taylor NW.

We anticipate being out on site next week (week of Aug 8th) to begin the construction staking and Taylor NW will be coming in with some equipment for the project.

The contractor is preparing a traffic control plan and the associated City of Bend Street closure application. Just so that you are aware, they are looking to first close down the stretch of Metolius Drive from Devil's Lake to the gate. Once that portion of the project is complete (except the final overlay), they will be looking to shut down the stretch from Devil's Lake to Bridge Creek whereupon the traffic will need to be routed through Tetherow. The anticipated total duration of the project is just about 2 months.

B) Information I sent to the City of Bend Planner on August 5, 2011:

After reading this email, the board had a few issues and concerns about the proposed traffic plan. I sent an email to Nick Arnis at the City of Bend about the concerns. Nick referred me to Jeff England at the city. I sent this list of concerns to Jeff England.

Reroute concerns:

1. The reroute through Tetherow requires vehicles to travel 4+ miles around vs. the .25 miles from Mt Washington to Devils Lake Dr. This is an excessive reroute.
2. The reroute significantly reduces emergency vehicle response time to residents of the neighborhood. Fire and police response times are highly important.

3. School bus reroute through Tetherow requires evaluation because the current morning bus route runs from Sunrise Village, West Ridge, The Parks then Broken Top before heading to Miller Elementary. The route is reverse this in the afternoon.

4. The neighborhood has a high number of medical doctors. Many have expressed concern about their personal response time to patients when they are on call. The Tetherow purposed reroute reduces their response time.

At this time, I would like these points factored into the proposed traffic plan.

1. Include Tetherow access available as a partial option during construction.
2. Minimally single lane accessibility on Metolius from Mt Washington to Devils Lake Dr during the day available for residents.
3. Two lane accessibility on Metolius from Mt Washington to Devils Lake Dr during the evening available for residents.

C) Email response from Jeff England, the City of Bend Planner on August 5, 2011:

Thanks for your input. Your concerns are noted and will be factored in to the overall traffic control plan to the extent feasible. I wish I could say there will be zero inconvenience but that's just not possible. Also, the contractor will be the main point of contact as they are responsible for all work zone activities during construction. Will advise on the traffic control plan when completed early next week. Thanks.

Jeff England

D) At this time, a contractor contact person has not been identified. As soon as the contact is available, the information will be made available.

Please note that The Parks Board is doing everything possible to make this project run smoothly for all residents. The City of Bend reviews and approves the traffic plan presented by the developer/contractor. Your neighborhood board does not control this aspect of the project. Once a contact person is available, traffic issues should be directed to the contact person. Your board will do everything possible to help make this project time as manageable as possible but we have limited control.

Tetherow Gate Now Open

Be careful when leaving our neighborhood. Stop and look to your left. There could be cars coming from Tetherow.

Information from Nick Arnis about the recent road opening:
The recent opening of Metolius Drive is needed in order for better connections and emergency services in the area due to the roundabout reconstruction. Metolius is not a primary re route for the project.

Leash Pets

We have many pets out and about in the neighborhood. We also have some baby deer too. Keep your pets leashed in order to avoid a bad encounter with the deer family. This also avoids unfriendly encounters with the many other pets in the neighborhood.

Next Board Meeting

Feel free to join the board at the next regular board meeting scheduled for 6:30pm Wednesday August 17th at the Pool Pavilion. The board also plans to have a work session beginning at 6pm before the board meeting. All homeowners are welcome to attend both sessions.

Feel free to email questions to TheParksHOA@gmail.com. This is monitored by The Parks Board President.

Thank you,
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Parks Board President