

# **ENHANCE 150% LIST PUBLIC COMMENTS**

E40: US-26: TEN EYCK RD/WOLF RD TO VISTA  
LOOP RD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS  
SUPPORTING COMMENTS



**PROTECTING YOUR  
RIGHT TO ROAM**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

ODOT Region 1 STIP Project Selection Committee  
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Board of Directors      SUBJECT: Oregon Walks comments on 150% Enhance Projects

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Oregon Walks, formerly the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, has been advocating since 1991 to create walkable communities and to make the conditions for walking safe, convenient, and attractive for everyone.

Oregon Walks volunteers on the Plans and Projects Committee have reviewed the projects on the 150% recommendations for potential "Enhance" STIP funding. We are pleased to see many applications for Streetscape and Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity projects, and we strongly support funding as many of those as possible.

We especially support funding of projects that provide access to transit and to other destinations that have the potential to attract many pedestrians, including those that improve pedestrian crossings on busy arterials, and those that serve vulnerable populations including the young, the old, the poor, and minority populations. We also support projects that fill gaps in the sidewalk system and those that overcome barriers often found near freeway interchanges. Our priorities are based on the research documented in the Oregon Walks publication Getting Around on Foot.

Based on those considerations, Oregon Walks urges funding of the following projects:

- E1 – Beaverton Crescent Connection (Cedar Hills to Denney Road)
- E13 – King City Sidewalk Infill
- E18 – Molalla OR Hwy 211 Bike and Ped. Safety Enhancements
- E21 – Portland Cully Blvd
- E22 – Portland Downtown I-405 Pedestrian Safety and Operational Improvements
- E29 – Portland SE Foster Rd. Safety and Sidewalk Enhancement Project
- E40 – Sandy US 26 sidewalks (Ten Eyck Rd/Wolf Rd to Vista Loop)
- E 53 – Clackamas County Otty St – 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Realignment
- E84 – Barbur Blvd/99W Corridor Safety and Access to Transit
- E86 – Hwy 8 Corridor Safety and Access to Transit

We appreciate this opportunity to comment,

Oregon Walks  
Plans and Projects Committee

## HOPES Christina

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**From:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2013 8:47 AM  
**To:** HOPES Christina  
**Subject:** FW: Sandy - Ten Eyke to Vista Loop Sidewalks Endorsement

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**From:** Lois Coleman  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2013 8:46:19 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** STIP Enhance Apps Region1  
**Subject:** Sandy - Ten Eyke to Vista Loop Sidewalks Endorsement

This project is would enhance the pedestrian traffic from Vista Loop to downtown Sandy and the SAM transit mall at Centennial plaza. Since 2003 when the Vista View apartments were built there is constant danger to groups walking to town. These are mostly underserved minority pedestrians.

To walk safely (facing traffic) we are required to cross a 5 lane highway. Speeds in this section of travel lanes are above the posted 55 MPH, I would venture closer to 65. As vehicular traffic heads east, the speeds continue to increase. If a person stays on the north side of Hwy 26, just after passing Vista Loop the speed reduces to 40, but many, many times as I drive to Sandy (I live on Vista Loop) I am passed by cars which have yet to slow down, and now we're at the 25 MPH. It is narrow and dangerous. The installation of sidewalks will, eventually, reduce speeds in this area, as visually/mentally drivers know they are entering a more urban environment.

I believe that this project should be included in the 100% funding option. I think we have been lucky so far that no one has been killed crossing or walking along the north side of the hwy. If you can't fund the whole project, please find funding for the north portion of the project. Yes, I would like the both the north and south sides of 26 have the sidewalks completed, but I'm trying not to be greedy and look to the north sidewalk as the most important. I do walk to town occasionally for exercise, but it is a scary experience.

Come take a walk to see the impact this busy highway has.

Thank you for time and consideration.

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