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OREGON BIKE TRAIL OPENING

Oregon City Mayor Michael Seferian was joined by Metroparks Director Steve Madewell and Maumee Bay State Park Manager Terry Coleman to cut the ribbon today to open the new Oregon Parks Bike Trail. The completed trail will connect three of Oregon City schools with Pearson Metropark and Maumee Bay State Park. This 8 mile paved connector will complete one of the area's longest cycling and leisure trails and connect 4.9 miles of trails at Maumee Bay State Park with 3.3 miles of trails at Pearson Park.

"I'm excited about this next step in enhancing the quality of life in Oregon. Even though the trail is just being completed, hundreds of our residents have already been out using it," said Mayor Seferian. This new trail is one of the few in the area that will provide a connection between two major parks.

In addition to the park connection, this trail will provide opportunities for the users of the trail to stop at local restaurants or businesses for an ice cream cone or a snack along the way. In the coming weeks, the City will be installing signage along the trail with mile markers and information about distances and connections to area parks, restaurants, and businesses. We expect use of the trail to continue to grow as both Oregon residents and people from outside the area become more aware of it. Those who wish to drive to the trail can park at either Maumee Bay State Park or Pearson Park to access the trail.

The portion that runs through the administrative and athletic complex has already been dedicated to our former Mayor Leonard Wasserman. Mr. Wasserman is still quite an active cyclist and participates in Oregon's Bike to Work Day each year.

The trail has been completed in phases over a 15-year period at a total cost of \$1.8 million. Approximately 80% of the funding came from state and federal sources with Oregon providing a 20% match. We want to thank TMACOG for their help and participation, and a note of thanks to our Public Service Department, Director Paul Roman. A special note of thanks to Rodney Shultz, Deputy City Engineer, who has led this effort for many years to secure the state and federal funding for this project.

Contact Mike Beazley, Oregon City Administrator for any questions at 419-698-7095.

