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**Fwd: North Tualatin Master Plan**

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To: Mr. Kevin Cook

Multnomah County Land Use Planning Committee

Regarding: North Tualatin Master Plan

Dear Mr. Cook,

Our names are John Chen and Judy Flynn. We have lived on McNamee Road for the last 30 years. Our property borders the south side of the FPC property. We have walked the Burlington Creek Forest loop road many times over these years. This is a letter though not of NIMBYism. We favor the proposed development of parking and toilet facilities at the trailhead. We believe Portland and the Metro region greatly needs more natural spaces for our residents to enjoy the outdoors. Our current choices are to either compete for the packed trailheads into Forest Park or to drive to farther locations. The problem with Metro's current proposal is that it favors one group of users – mountain bikers. Of the 5.7 miles of proposed new trail, only **0.1** miles is a hiking only trail. The rest is designated as "shared." But let's be honest – who will really want to be hiking up a trail (especially if you have a child in tow) when there may be a mountain biker barreling down the hill around the next bend. These "shared" trails are also wider and steeper, designed to appeal to mountain bikers. There will be ruts with use. This combination will undoubtedly lead to greater erosion. Narrower trails with less grade, i.e. those designed for walkers will have a lesser impact on the environment. Again we are not opposed to development of the Burlington Creek property but we would like to see the benefit of the development be more equitable. The uses should reflect what is currently the practice in Forest Park, welcoming runners, hikers, hikers with leashed dogs, equestrian, and bikers. Metro's current proposal favors a privileged and wealthier subset. It will lead to erosion and degradation of the streams. This is not the plan that will serve the people of this region.

Sincerely, Judy Flynn and John Chen

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