

August 10, 2020

Case File: T2-2020-13164 and EP-2020-13167

Location: 31330 SE Victory Rd, Troutdale

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this comment letter in strong opposition of granting variances as requested by applicant Abigail Freeland. The specific areas where I have a significant concern are the roadway width and usage.

Not improving and widening the roadway could potentially endanger drivers and is a safety concern for residents. We oppose any variances for rules regarding the roadway width and traffic studies. We request that the Freeland's specifically comply with all MCRR's that are related to these issues, especially the county roadway standard of a 20-ft wide travel surface.

Specific issues of concern are:

- There is a significant earth slope failure on the south side of the right of way and it is very hazardous. This is where the road narrows closest to the Freeland property line and ours. The slope is so steep that I cannot mow the right of way in my tractor. We have already had the garbage truck slide down the embankment, so I can't imagine construction vehicles, like a full cement truck, being able to safely navigate this area of the road. I believe it is absolutely critical to widen the road and worry that we will incur future liabilities if this is not addressed.
- The unimproved roadway has had significantly more use recently due to more adult residents living in the homes driving more vehicles on the road and a noticeable increase in deliveries during the Covid 19 pandemic. These deliveries have not only increased the use of the roadway, but the increased speed of these vehicles is also causing a pronounced safety issue for residents who often use this roadway to recreate.

I hope I have provided enough detail about our concerns. I appreciate your attention to this matter and if more information is needed, please contact me at 503-663-4688 or email to susupalmer@yahoo.com.

Kind regards,
Susan Palmer