



Oregon Trail School District

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TO: Clackamas County Planning & Zoning Division

ATTN: Joy Fields

RE: Clackamas County Land Use File Z0036-23

To Whom It May Concern,

The Oregon Trail School District is asking Clackamas County to deny the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) Land Use Application Z0036-23 due to the risk to the safety of students attending the Oregon Trail Academy (OTA) Charter School.

Based on their recent traffic study, PWB communications indicate that OTA would not be impacted. However, OTA would be directly impacted by construction traffic and, more critically, by vehicles transporting hazardous chemicals. Communication is unclear regarding protocols that would be used in the event of a hazardous chemical spill that could impact the safety of students. It is also unclear whether first responders would have the resources and capabilities to respond to a disaster of such magnitude. Such uncertainties leave our students, staff, and community at risk and it is reckless to allow PWB to proceed with this project at its current location.

Respectfully,

Aaron C Bayer

Superintendent

Timothy Belanger

To: JFields@clackamas.us
Subject: Clackamas Co Land Use File Z0036-23

To whom it concerns,

Oregon Trail School District is in receipt of a Notice of Land Use Application Z0036-23. The notice indicates the intent to install an emergency access road in a location adjacent to our school property. The road would intersect with Bluff Road immediately near the existing intersections of Proctor Road and 362nd Avenue. The existing intersections are at a point where Bluff Road is not straight. Due to the odd configuration of the existing intersection, there have been many collisions, or near collisions, at or near the area. Because of the curve at the intersection the district has had fences damaged twice in 2023 alone from cars running off Bluff Road.

If the access is truly only to be used for emergency purposes, while not optimal, we do not see it causing additional load to the already problematic intersection. However, upon inquiry to Portland Water Bureau and their project web-site, it is clear that they intend to use a nearby connection to this road during construction for contractor traffic. Significant construction traffic near the existing problematic intersection presents a clear safety hazard for the nearby school. During pick up and drop off times, over half of the school's 210 student population is transported by parent vehicles.

In summary, Oregon Trail School District 46 does not object to an emergency only access road (assuming this does not include the evacuation of hazardous materials near the school). The district does not, however, support a road near this intersection to be used for temporary or ongoing business activities.

Respectfully,



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Case file T3-2022-16220 comments

1 message

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Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 3:54 PM

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Please consider these documents as comments regarding land use file T3-2022-16220. The documents have also been sent to Clackamas County regarding land use file Z0036-23.

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2 attachments



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