

WHEREAS, at the request of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, the **40 Mile Loop Master Plan** was developed by David Evans & Associates 40 years ago and was published in May, 1983;

WHEREAS, 40 years ago the 40 Mile Loop Master Plan called for the development of a system of trails and pathways throughout urbanized Multnomah County, connecting parks, natural areas, commercial and employment centers, and neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, even though the Master Plan calls for 150 miles of trails and pathways, the name 40 Mile Loop honors a vision of interconnected parks articulated 80 years earlier by renowned landscape architect John Charles Olmsted, and as subsequently interpreted by Portland Parks Superintendent Charles Paul Keyser;

WHEREAS, the rebirth of the idea for an interconnected system of trails and pathways over 40 years ago has served the citizens well by providing convenient and safe places for people to walk and to bicycle separated from traffic;

WHEREAS, the 40 Mile Loop has inspired an expanded vision of a regional system of trails and pathways connecting all cities in the Portland Vancouver metropolitan area and beyond;

WHEREAS, the 40 Mile Loop acknowledges and thanks local governments and non-profit partners, including Multnomah County, for their willingness to adopt trail and path alignments called for by the **40 Mile Loop Master Plan**, for their commitment to design, fund, and construct segments of the 40 Mile Loop, and for their ongoing commitment to maintain this incredibly valuable public asset for all to use and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, at this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **40 Mile Loop Master Plan**, we call upon all of our local government partners to recommit to the completion of the 40 Mile Loop which stands today at 70% completed.

NOW THEREFORE, in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **40 Mile Loop Master Plan**, I, Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair of Multnomah County, PROCLAIM that the 40 MILE LOOP and the REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM are integral parts of a safe, healthy, and sustainable urban ecosystem for all citizens and shall continue to be recognized as such through policy and through funding decisions going forward.

### **Possible Accompanying Slides for Multnomah County:**

40 Mile Loop Master Plan (physical copy)

Slide 1: 40 Mile Loop Master Plan cover

Slide 2: Google Map of the Loop (Green Loop comes in and drops out)

Slide 3: Google Map showing the components of the Loop

Slide 3: Google Map of the Loop with County funded areas highlighted

Slide 4: Don Clark & Earl Blumenauer

Slide 5: Slides of Marine Drive Trail photos

Slide 6: Areas that are now funded.

Slide 7: Overall percentage of completion

Slide 8: Google Map of Regional Trail System

### **Talking Points**

40 Mile Loop is a valuable recreation and transportation asset for everyone's use and enjoyment.

But it's so much more than that. The 40 Mile Loop not only provides connections to and between parks and natural areas, it connects residential to commercial, cities to cities, urban to suburban, neighborhoods to nature, all 4 Multnomah County Districts, people to jobs, and people to free healthy activity and adventure.

It was such a good idea that it has spread all across the Metro region now in the form of Metro's Regional Trails Plan.

### **The Proclamation**