



The **40 Mile Loop** is a project that was envisioned back in 1904, with the desire to be a walkable path that encircled the City of Portland and its metropolitan area. As it stands today, the loop is nearly complete, but critical gaps must be filled to provide the intended regional benefit. The trail connects parks along several rivers including the Columbia, Sandy, and Willamette and can be accessed whether someone walks or rolls. It provides a safe and accessible environment for recreation and commuting, especially for historically disadvantaged communities.

Nearby the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP), two gaps are proposed to be filled - the first is between Blue Lake Park and Sundial Road, and the second is along the Sandy River between Harlow Road and the existing trail terminus. These two gaps will connect the existing section of the Sandy River Greenway Trail and the Blue

Lake Regional Park Trail together. The new sections of the trail will create a safe walking and biking route compared to traveling along existing high stress streets such as Marine Drive, Sundial Road, Graham Road, and Swigert Way.

Sundial Road experienced a severe injury crash between a pedestrian and a vehicle in 2019, where the posted speed is 40 miles-per-hour, there is no separation between the bike lane and vehicle lane, and little pedestrian facilities. Along Marine Drive, in 2016, there was a crash involving a bicyclist and a vehicle that resulted in possible injury. The section of Marine Drive where this occurred was where there are four vehicle travel lanes, no separation between the bike lane and the vehicle lanes, and the posted speed is 55 miles-per-hour. Neither Graham Road or Swigert Way have bike lanes and little to no pedestrian facilities.

The proposed project will help to:

- 1 Create a safe and comfortable walking and rolling route for those who travel along the existing parallel routes of Marine Drive, Sundial Road, Graham Road, and Swigert Way, especially for historically disadvantaged communities
- 2 Provide improved access to the TRIP and the residential community of Blue Lake, as well as any others who use the 40 Mile Loop for access to their jobs and housing or for recreational purposes
- 3 Support the community's desire for active transportation options
- 4 Contribute to the 40 Mile Loop that connects all communities in east Multnomah County and the Portland Metropolitan Region