



Public Open House Comment Summary

August 13, 2009

This is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the Aug. 13, 2009 public open house about the first segment of trail to be developed. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. Comments about issues outside the scope of the trail development project have been brought to the attention of the appropriate departments or agencies.

Development Plans:

- This is a good plan.
- Consider using the existing Department of Natural Resources parking lot as a staging area for horse trailers and bicyclists. This parking lot is located off of NE 219th Street, east of 152nd Avenue.
- Need expanded parking in Battle Ground for horse trailers.
- Want construction to start sooner than 2011.
- Horseback riders will need to use the paved trail or the shoulder next to the paved trail during the wet months until the separate horse trail is compacted and hardened enough to withstand the rain.
- It's unfair to ask the horseback riders to volunteer to build part of their trail when no other user groups have to do this. We already volunteer thousands of hours throughout the county.
- Please grade and clear brush on the equestrian trail at the same time as the bike/ped trail, or the equestrian trail will never get built.
- The parking lot at Battle Ground Lake State Park will not accommodate all the new users. There needs to be additional parking in Battle Ground or at a midway point.
- Save some money and make the paved trail narrower.
- Love it. Please hurry up and build it.
- Make sure directional signs are included at beginning and end. Use signage to direct people during construction as well.
- This is a great recreation investment for Clark County. Keep moving forward.
- Fully address all parking needs before starting construction.
- Concerned that the county will start construction, but won't be able to finish because of the economy.
- It is important that horses be allowed to use this trail.
- The sooner the better. Horses, bikes, walkers and trains can co-exist safely on a trail like this.

Adjacent Properties:

- Provide some sort of fence between the trail and adjacent properties to prevent trespassing.
- Put chain link fencing along the easement between the Department of Natural Resources property and the trail.
- Concerned that trail users will cut through private properties to access the trail. People currently do this to get onto the railroad tracks.

- People and horseback riders currently use 167th to get to the railroad tracks. Concerned that this traffic will increase with the development of the trail.
- The safety and security of adjacent property owners needs to be of more concern to the county in the design of this project. Homeowners shouldn't be required to install their own fences.
- Concerned about the loss of privacy and peace and quiet. Would prefer that these sorts of activities be kept in the parks.

For more information about this project, please visit www.chelatchie.org, or call Clark County Public Works Project Manager Troy Pierce at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4403.