



# OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

**SE First Street Improvements – Cascade Park Estates Open House Meeting**  
**August 26, 2015 / Mill Plain Elementary Gymnasium, Vancouver, WA**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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## **Project Team Attendees:**

**City of Vancouver-** Jeff Schmidt, Loretta Callahan, Brooke Porter  
**MacKay Sposito** – Daniel Teran, Hollie Logan

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## **Community Attendees: 52**

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### **Open House:**

This Open House was conducted with an informal, informational format with no formal presentation. Residents of Cascade Park Estates and underlying property owners received postcards encouraging them to stop by any time during the two-hour gathering to view proposed design exhibits and speak with members of the project team.

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### **Overall Summary:**

Approximately 52 community members from Cascade Park Estates attended the Open House. The underlying property owners were not present and did not send a representative.

Various questions about the SE First Street project were raised and addressed by members of the project team. In addition to discussing First Street needs and improvements, some residents also expressed concerns regarding the Vancouver Housing Authority's multi-family development being constructed across the street from Cascade Park Estates and potential impacts from other potential future developments.

Overall, residents who attended the Open House were concerned about current rural conditions of SE First Street and supportive of improvements. There was very strong demand for starting construction as soon as possible, though staff advised that funding for the remainder of right-of-way acquisition and construction had not yet been identified.

No formal comments were submitted at the meeting. All attendees were provided a comment form, and many indicated they would mail in their comments later.

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**Questions Posed to Team Members:**

1. What will be done regarding lighting for the proposed new access to Cascade Park Estates?
2. Will the proposed new access, as shown in the design at the Open House, accommodate emergency services, moving vans, movement of modular homes and RV vehicles?
3. Why does this proposed access, lined up with the new development across the street, not warrant a traffic signal at this time?
4. When is construction anticipated?
5. How do we stop vehicles on this street from speeding?
6. Does the City own the needed right of way and what is planned for the property currently split by the existing Cascade Park Estates roadway?

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**General Comments:**

- Overall there was support regarding the proposed access change at Cascade Park Estates, however there was strong preference for a traffic signal. Neighbors disagreed with any delay and objected to assertions that it didn't currently meet warrants.
- Turning left onto SE First Street from Cascade Park Estates is a challenge at this time.
- Sight distance with existing landscaping poses a challenge.
- Strong demand for constructing improvements at the earliest opportunity.
- Concerns about current conditions and vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Concerns about current and future development and impacts/safety related to pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. Some residents felt all development should be halted until street improvements were made.
- Need for street lighting on SE First Street east of about 177<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Concerns about commercial truck parking along First Street and side streets.
- Concerns regarding safety conditions related to lack of shoulders and steep drop off further east near the mined areas adjacent to SE First Street.