

Hillsdale is more urban than those parts of SW further west and south. I think it should continue to be in Congressional District 3.

I like having parts of SW in 3 congressional districts as it increases the leverage and with the re emergence of earmarks makes it more likely of getting some important projects done that might otherwise languish in the politics of city county metro soup. It will help to have some adults in the room who see the broader picture rather than the micro that seems to pervade things today in transportation planning and other multi jurisdictional issues.

Re state districts: using the same reasoning as above, splitting SW Portland including Hillsdale into several senate/Rep districts gives those of us seeking to improve our neighborhoods a chance of building a strong Coalition.

While not on your agenda, I strongly support moving to an open primary with the top 2 standing in the general election. I suspect that will require a will written ballot measure. Given I think that will pass with a large majority, I urge you to think about the implications of such a change as you debate district boundaries.

Good luck on getting reasonable districts drawn. Thanks for creating a more open process.

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