

CPO 4M Metzger, Durham, East Tigard
Washington County, Oregon
10655 SW Hall Boulevard, Tigard, OR 97223



May 4, 2023

RE: TESTIMONY for SAFETY supporting HB 2756 before Joint Committee on Transportation

Dear House Transportation Committee and other Oregon Elected Officials,

Last month CPO-4M voted unanimously to support safety improvements to SW Hall Boulevard in both unincorporated Washington County (Town of Metzger) and in cities of Tigard and Durham.

The state should fund improvements to Hall Boulevard (aka OR141), the Beaverton-Tigard Highway built over 80 years ago. Hall Boulevard seems to be in good shape in Beaverton, but is dangerous south of there. This has been an issue at CPO-4M meetings for many years.

Maintenance improvements are long overdue for sidewalks, crosswalks, road surface conditions, lighting, signage, and more. These SAFETY improvements are needed for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles to our community.

I have driven on Hall Blvd for 50 years. There are some serious sidewalk gaps (often ditches) in urban areas of Tigard and Metzger (unincorporated Washington County). There are dangerous sidewalk gaps along both sides of this state highway in Tigard and unincorporated Washington County. Some of our friends have died after being hit by vehicles along Hall Blvd. A few years ago as a personal note, I literally had to jump out to the way of a car turning widely from Oak Street north onto Hall. I jumped into the bridge over Ash Creek and came up bloody.

Crosswalks: Due to heavy traffic and for many apartment dwellers, particularly during rush hour, a variety of options for pedestrian crosswalks are in order, particularly at the Hemlock Street entrance to Metzger Park. Quite naturally, crosswalks are needed near Tri-Met bus stops too.

Rough road surface conditions currently require total attention for drivers, many who are looking forward to its repaving. Lighting also needs to be improved along Hall Boulevard both within city limits and north of them in unincorporated Washington County. This bill should include improvements in both the city and the county.

Thanks for your attention to the concerns of the many members of CPO-4M.

Sincerely,

~~ Jim Long, Chair
Community Participation Organization 4-M

ps: the following addendum has comments about Hall Boulevard copied off Nextdoor social media last month.

as copied FROM NEXTDOOR April 8, 2023

Linda P. Metzger Park

[Linda P.](#)



Metzger Park • 31 Mar •

I live close to Hall Blvd, and drive it all the time. There was a hit and run on Hall Blvd. A woman died! That's the reason for 30 mph. Eventually police will ticket speeders. DRIVE 30 mph!!!

Like

17 Comments

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[Kristen Lewis](#) • Main Street Village

I grew up off Pine. They've needed to lower the speed on Hall my entire life.

1w

[Dustin Tower](#) • Metzger Park They also need to add another crosswalk and a lot more lighting. 6d

[Faith Reel](#) • Metzger Park South

Dustin Tower

You are so correct! Doesn't matter if you're going 20 mph or 50 miles an hour. If it's pitch black out with no street lights, it's almost virtually impossible to see anybody walking down the side of the road we're trying to cross. And yes, the speed limit did need to be changed. I live on Pine and it's scary trying to pull off my street onto Hall boulevard sometimes with how fast people are going.

13h

[Kathy Kennedy](#) • Metzger Park

And stop tailgating me when I'm driving the speed limit.

6d

[Amy S.](#) • Garden Home

So glad to see the speed limit lowered on Hall!

6d



[Steve Norcross](#) • Garden Home

Hall has been a speedway as long as I have lived on it. Glad to see the new 30mph limit.

6d



[Casey Warren](#)

• Bridlemile

I drive on Hall all the time. Even though the speed limit was 40 nobody went that fast because the road is so sh**y. Potholes and bumps everywhere. I'm fine driving 30. 4d

Like



[Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen](#)

• Summerfield

I'm still waiting for ODOT and Washington County, City of Tigard etc. to get the ownership of Hall figured out and then for goodness sake, please pave the darn thing! Changing speed limit won't do much good if we are hitting potholes and worse all along the way.



[Jim Schiffer](#)

• Clydesdale

Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen

There is progress here, but it will take a long time. ODOT only has a quarter of the money it needs to meet it's commitments, so they are in the middle of a absolutely brutal project prioritization process. Tigard refuses to take Hall if it not repaved first, since repaving Hall would bury us in debt for a few decades. In fact, there is a Hall Blvd Visioning this Thursday. Hopefully we can get it all sorted.

3d Like

[Deanna Olson](#) • Hilshire

I'm more concerned about a driver leaving the scene after killing someone than I am about the consistency of the pavement or the speed limit.



[Bill S.](#) • Huber Park

I wish we had a real, aggressive traffic enforcement team in each municipality. The driving around here is getting atrocious

[Darren Stensland](#) · Ashford / Bonita

The problem here is not potholes, lighting, or even the speed limit. The problems are careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and (possibly) careless walking. Hitting a person and then leaving them to die in the street is one step below murder in my mind. The fact that the driver didn't stop leads me to guess the accident was more the driver's fault than the pedestrian's. Please post if you see that police have found the driver.

22h Like

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[Jessica Robinson](#) · North Tigard

I'm on Hall and Spruce and I participated in the protest to get the speed limit changed. In order to walk my dog I must cross Hall as my street is a dead end and there is no other option. After the death of Karen I stopped walking him as much. I decided to take him yesterday and was blown away at the amount of cars still going 40 and 50. I hope the police do start enforcing the new speed limit. I want to get out and exercise without fearing for my life or the life of my dog.

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[Darlene Agee](#) · Metzger Park

When drivers have to pay such close attention to potholes on Hall, it makes it much less safe for pedestrians, regardless of the speed limit.

21h



[Bill S.](#) · Huber Park

Slow down and you'll find it's easy to dodge whatever potholes there may be.

18h

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[Darlene Agee](#) · Metzger Park

I'd already slowed down, long before the speed changed, but the road is horrible. They haven't paved it from Greenburg to 99 in over 18 years. They keep patching, but those patches don't have a chance with our weather. It's worse than moguls on a black run.

16h