



## PROS Plan – Trails Focus Group

**Date:** March 13, 2025

**Location:** The Grove, 1925 E. Main Street, Ashland OR 97520

**Attendees:** Mik McKee, David Chapman, Larry Cooper, Josh Nelson, Eric Hansen, Jeff Andrews, Marshall Wolf, Jenna Marmon, Jim Falkenstein, Aaron Michalson, Josh Cott, Torsten Heycke, Brian Long, Stef Seffinger, Brooke Hansen, Linda Adams, Yu Kuwabara, Ryan Hawk, Casey Botts, Colton Cantrell, Chris Chambers, Adrian Bender, Paul Belson, John Lazur

**Staff:** Amber Shroy, Nancy Mero, Jason Minica, Rachel Dials, Rocky Houston

### Summary:

Rocky facilitated a conversation with the attendees focused on trails within the city limits. The results of this conversation and activities are below:

### Trails Focus Group Exercise Results

#### Group Exercise #1 – What is going well

- Snowstorm Clean-up/Responsiveness
- Things have gotten better since 1992 (when respondent arrived in town)
- Safe one-way trails
- Variety of trails
- Responsiveness to community input
- Property acquisition
- Variety of positive partnerships
- Walkability and access

#### Group Exercise #1 – Needs Improvement

- Funding
- Green (easy) trails for mountain bikers
- More bike infrastructure
- Economic Impacts – improve connectivity



- Homeless impacts
- On-street connectivity – wayfinding
- Natural resource/wildlife concerns
- Rogue/demand trails converted to real trails
- More trails for seniors/dog walkers
- Better signage/better signage at trailheads/maps
- Create more volunteer opportunities for trail work/maintenance
- Wildlife hazards
- TID trail/canal
- Enforcement of trail user rules
- Emergency response/rescue
- ADA access/parking
- USFS gate access
- Camping opportunities
- Improved road safety through Lithia to downtown
- User conflicts/E-bikes
- Emergency evacuation

Group Exercise #2 – Dot voting results

Paved	6	Natural	41
Gravel	2	Boardwalk	10
Hogs Fuel	9	Hardened	4
Multi-Use	14	Easy or Accessible	33
Hiking	31	Moderately Difficult	23
Mountain Biking	26	Hard/Difficult	12

Group Exercise #3 – Future

- Increased economics/tourism



- Safe progression of bike trails
- Instability in forest management/funding
- Increased trail use by women/girls (WOMBATS)
- Increased volunteer support