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### SEGMENT OF TROLLEY TRAIL WILL RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY

**Clackamas County, OR** – A new half-mile segment of North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District’s Trolley Trail re-opens today, adjacent to Southeast McLoughlin Boulevard (OR 99E) between Southeast Park Avenue (at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Southeast River Road (at Bluebird Street).

The six-mile Trolley Trail lies in former Portland Traction Company streetcar right-of-way that extends between the cities of Milwaukie and Gladstone. Construction of the half-mile segment was incorporated into the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project (MAX Orange Line), which parallels the trail.

The new segment of trail features a 12-foot asphalt pathway, pedestrian scale lighting, hundreds of new trees, and artwork made with wood salvaged from trees removed for construction. Additional landscaping and artwork will be installed over the next several months, and may require intermittent trail closures.

North of Southeast River Road and Bluebird Street, cyclists and pedestrians will continue on current detour routes through early 2015, pending new intersection safety improvements under consideration at Southeast McLoughlin and 22nd Avenue. Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged to exercise extra caution in areas of continued light rail construction.

The Trolley Trail is a key connector in the community. Developing connections between areas using multi-modal transportation corridors is at the core of North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District’s mission, and completion of the new Orange Line alongside the Trolley Trail further enhances those efforts.

North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District will continue to work with TriMet and the City of Milwaukie to provide updated information about trail openings and closures as the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit and Milwaukie Riverfront projects continue.

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*North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District is a service district of Clackamas County dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. The District – which serves more than 116,000 residents in a 36-square mile area – includes the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie and a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. It includes more than 38 parks, 25 natural areas, 15 miles of trails including*

*the 6-mile Trolley Trail, Mount Talbert Nature Park and three facilities: Hood View Sports Complex, the Milwaukie Center and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park.*