

Facilitation Guide for Bike Breakout

2025 CPRD Community Open House

What does the public need to know? And what do we need to learn?

PUBLIC NEEDS	CPRD NEEDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the rules now• What is currently available to them• How has availability changed recently• What abilities and limitations exist• What to expect from CPRD and other entities• To be able to provide direction• Zero Sum Issues and Perception – are other uses/user affecting the ability to enjoy their chosen activity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community needs for cycling• Age and/or age distribution of people we seek to serve• Skill Level distribution of people we seek to serve• Preference and ability to get to locations for biking (i.e. youth cannot drive, limited independence)• Preference for use – sport, leisure, travel• Preference for location – in parks, connections, neighborhood-based, destination-based.• Safety re: uphill and downhill speeds for user conflict reductions

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Objectives

Why are we discussing this? Our bike community has lost bike access and CPRD provide a level of service for bicycles that does not meet what is recommended within the Districtwide Master Plan.

What are we looking for? CPRD desires to gain insights from the community to ensure that we do not jump to conclusions with respect to what the community needs from CPRD in providing places for bikes. Understanding the priorities for user groups, activity types, skill levels, anticipated use, and preferred locations will be essential to planning for the future.

Key Questions

Who are is included in the bike community? Who has the greatest need and would be our users?

- Ages (Children, Teens, Young Adult (20-28), Adults, Seniors, Other)
- Desired Experience (Family Outings, Commuter, Road Cycling, Mountain, Gravel, BMX, other)
 - Follow up:
- Skill level needs (unskilled, beginner, intermediate, advanced)

What types of bicycle uses are most needed and where are they needed?

- Within park areas, Connecting park areas, To and from Parks, To and from Schools, To and from Other Locations (Other),
- In Town (Newberg and Dundee), Outside of Town (unincorporated and rural areas), Connecting Town and Rural areas
- Newberg, Dundee, or unincorporated areas?

The Elephant in the Room: How Should CPRD Deal with Unresolved Issues for the Cycling Community?

Following acquisition of Bob and Crystal Rilee Park (BCRP) by CPRD in 2014, the cycling community became active users of Bob and Crystal Rilee Park. In 2022, CPRD created new rules for BCRP which limited equestrians to one side of the park, and limited cyclists to other side of the park. In 2023, the CPRD Board of Directors chose to limit trail users at BCRP to pedestrians and equestrians to the park. This action prohibited bicycle use at BCRP and remains in effect today.

Context/Timeline: Some of the trail network at BCRP was established by the prior owners of the property in coordination with the equestrian community – including modifications by both the Rillee family and the Rilee Foundation. Prior to the 2023 decision, the equestrian community expressed concerns that cycling created unsafe conditions for riders and other users, were damaging the park through creation of new trails, were not respectful to other user groups, and was inconsistent with CPRD's prior commitments to the previous owner.

- 2014: Foundation sells property to CPRD for \$280K. Property is purchased with no deed restrictions. Individuals familiar with the Foundation indicate that commitments were made as to the use of the property. Thus far, no written documentation of commitments is shown to exist.
- January/ February 2023: CPRD initiates BCRP Master Plan.
- September 2023: Board of Directors modifies rules of BCRP to only allow hiking and equestrian users (excludes bicycles). Directs staff to identify alternative site(s). Board of Directors approves a BCRP master plan which implements the hiker and equestrian only approach to management of the park.