

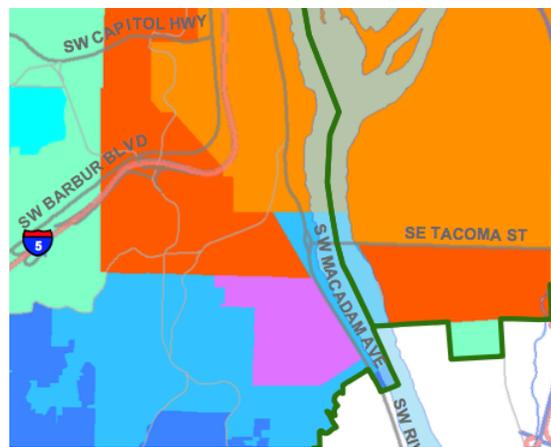
Collins View Street Cred

SWNI is the far western frontier as far as city street maintenance goes. SWNI has 227.2 street miles (81.0%) maintained by the city and 43.7 street miles (15.6%) maintained by adjacent property owners. It has the lowest percentage of streets “paved with curbs” (54.3%), and the highest percentages of streets “paved without curbs” (40.9%), and streets “unpaved” (4.8%). 25.3% of the streets have sidewalks. This is less than half of the next lowest Neighborhood Coalition’s sidewalk coverage (East Portland Neighborhood at 52%). Only 33.9% of SWNI’s arterial streets have sidewalk coverage, also the lowest arterial street sidewalk coverage of all the Neighborhood Coalitions. This is a safety issue right now, and guaranteed to be more urgent and critical with the pressures of infill and density.

Most of our SWNI territory was annexed from the county in the 1950s-1980s. Part of the annexation deal was that the city would pave and maintain the county roads. Lo and behold, there was no money to do that after the territories were annexed. Instead, the city came up with the plan that some roads (unpaved, unmaintained) would be the responsibility of adjacent neighbors, much to the dismay of the residents. This matches with what many local oldsters know all too well.

A map of annexation areas by decade is (currently) located online:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/51673>



Collins View Neighborhood has 9.4 miles (81.1%) street miles maintained by the city; 2.2 miles (18.9%) maintained by adjacent property owners. 3.1 miles (26.5%) are paved streets with curbs; 7.6 miles (66.0%) unpaved without curbs; 0.9 miles (7.5%) are unpaved streets. Sidewalk coverage is 1.9 miles (8.3%) of all streets.

June 2017 data from the Portland Maintenance Authority.

Residential Infill Pressure is equally applied to all parts of the city. As population density increases, safety demands that neighborhoods and neighborhood coalitions with less city infrastructure get infrastructure upgrades. But the increased tax receipts for the city, derived from increased density/infill, are put into the general fund. We do not have assurances that these monies will be spent to upgrade the infrastructure needed to support our growing population – not only for street maintenance, but also for increased demands on needed police, fire, public transit, water and sewage systems.

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