

UMATILLA COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ROAD VACATION REPORT

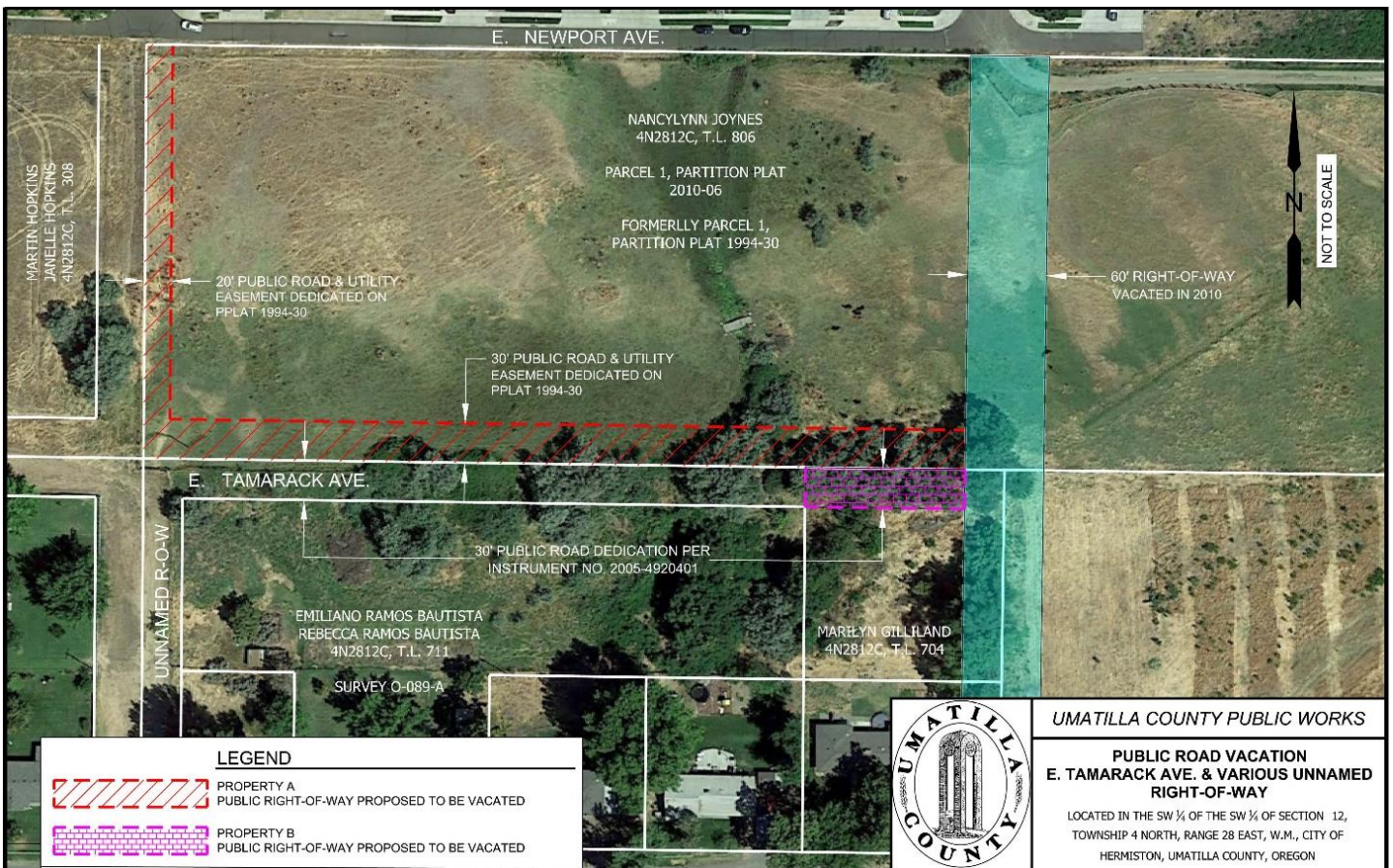
PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF EAST TAMARACK AVENUE
AND A PORTION OF UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE SW ¼ OF THE
SW ¼, SECTION 12, T4N, R28E, W.M., CITY OF HERMISTON, UMATILLA
COUNTY, OREGON.

February 6, 2019

DESCRIPTION OF OWNERSHIP

Property proposed to be vacated consists of varying underlying ownership and will be described as “property A” and “property B” as shown below. Property A (in red) lies within 4N2812C, T.L. #806, owned by NancyLynn Joynes (petitioner). This public access was dedicated on Partition Plat 1994-30 and consisted of a 20-foot access and utility easement on the west side of said property and a 30-foot access and utility easement on the south side of said property. These right-of-way dedications were never formally accepted by the County governing body and therefore the proposal is to vacate any/all interest the public may have in this property. If vacated the property shall revert back to the owner, NancyLynn Joynes, as it was before being dedicated on the plat.

Property B (in pink) consists of a portion of a 30-foot road and utility easement as dedicated by Umatilla County in Reel 492, Page 401, Umatilla County Records. This property was originally obtained by the County via default taxes in 1974 before eventually being dedicated as public road in 2005. The petition proposed to vacate only that portion of this public right-of-way abutting the northerly property line of 4N2812C, T.L. #704. If vacated, ownership shall revert back to said tax lot 704, lying within Lot 6, Block L of the Hermiston Orchards addition, currently owned by Marilyn Gilliland (petitioner). The remainder of the 30-foot road and utility easement will remain unchanged.



PROPERTY USES

The property is currently used by adjoining landowners for pasture and/or yard space. The property has never been used as public right-of-way. Long time fence lines remain on the original property lines (center of right-of-way), and much vegetation growth consisting of blackberries and various tree species blankets portions of the property.

ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The subject property has never been used for public access and utility purposes. Given the physical condition of the right-of-way it would be an expensive endeavor to improve to current road standards. That portion of property running east-west dead ends to the east at a point where former public right-of-way was also vacated in 2010. The Maxwell Canal runs northeasterly through this area creating a situation where public roads in cardinal directions are not practicable. The current layout of adjoining and surrounding land would not benefit from the public property as currently exists. Portions of this proposed vacation may be beneficial to the City of Hermiston as growth forces development to expand. Umatilla County Public Works finds this vacation to be in the public interest pending consideration of public comment and approval by the Umatilla County Planning Department and City of Hermiston.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR PHOTOS

Standing near the intersection of E. Tamarack Ave.
(unimproved) & the unimproved public right-of-way
Looking north at unimproved public right-of-way



20' PROPOSED
FOR VACATION

PUBLIC
ACCESS TO
REMAIN

Standing near the intersection of E. Tamarack Ave.
(unimproved) & the unimproved public right-of-way
Looking north at unimproved public right-of-way



20' PROPOSED
FOR VACATION

Standing near the intersection of E. Newport Ave. & SE 11th St.

Looking south at unimproved public right-of-way

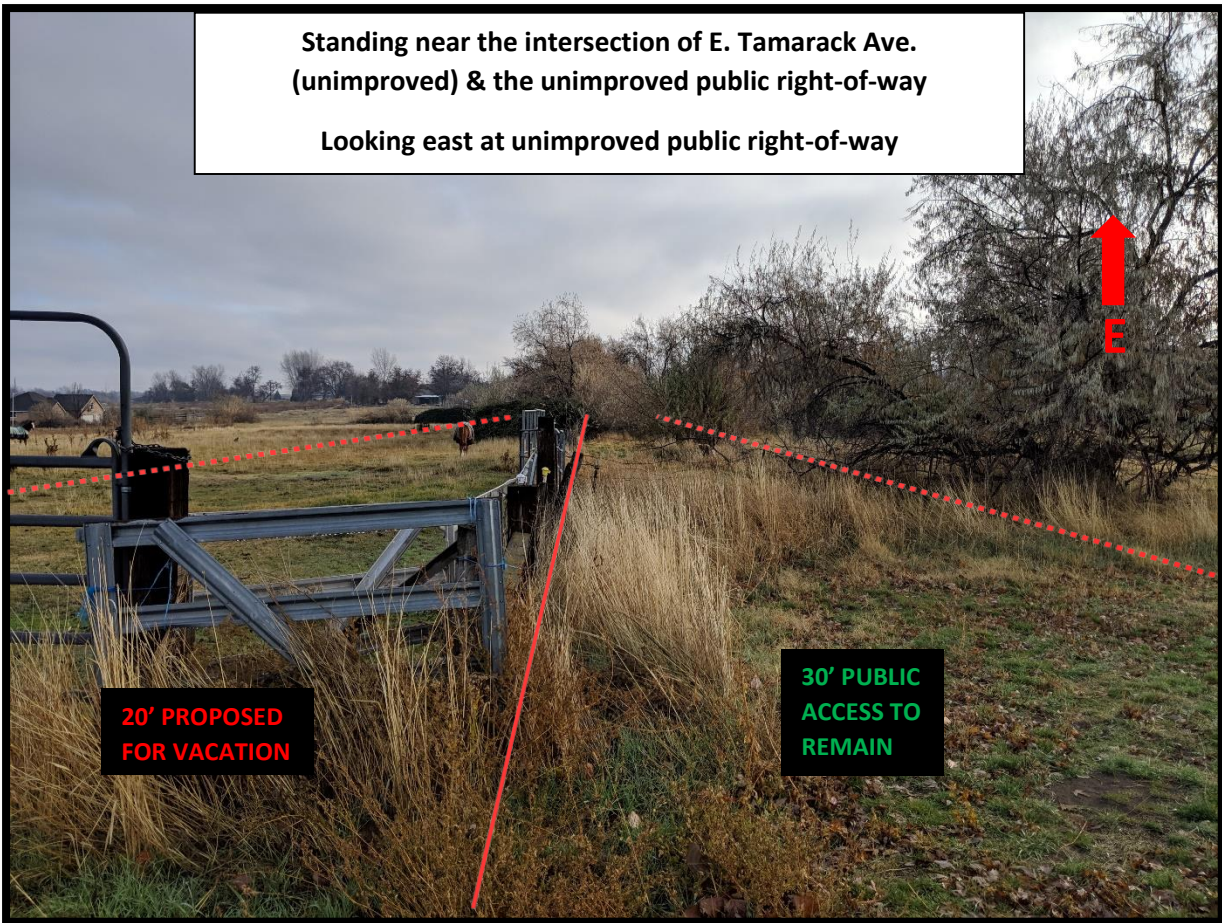


20' PROPOSED
FOR VACATION

20' PUBLIC
ACCESS TO
REMAIN

Standing near the intersection of E. Tamarack Ave.
(unimproved) & the unimproved public right-of-way

Looking east at unimproved public right-of-way



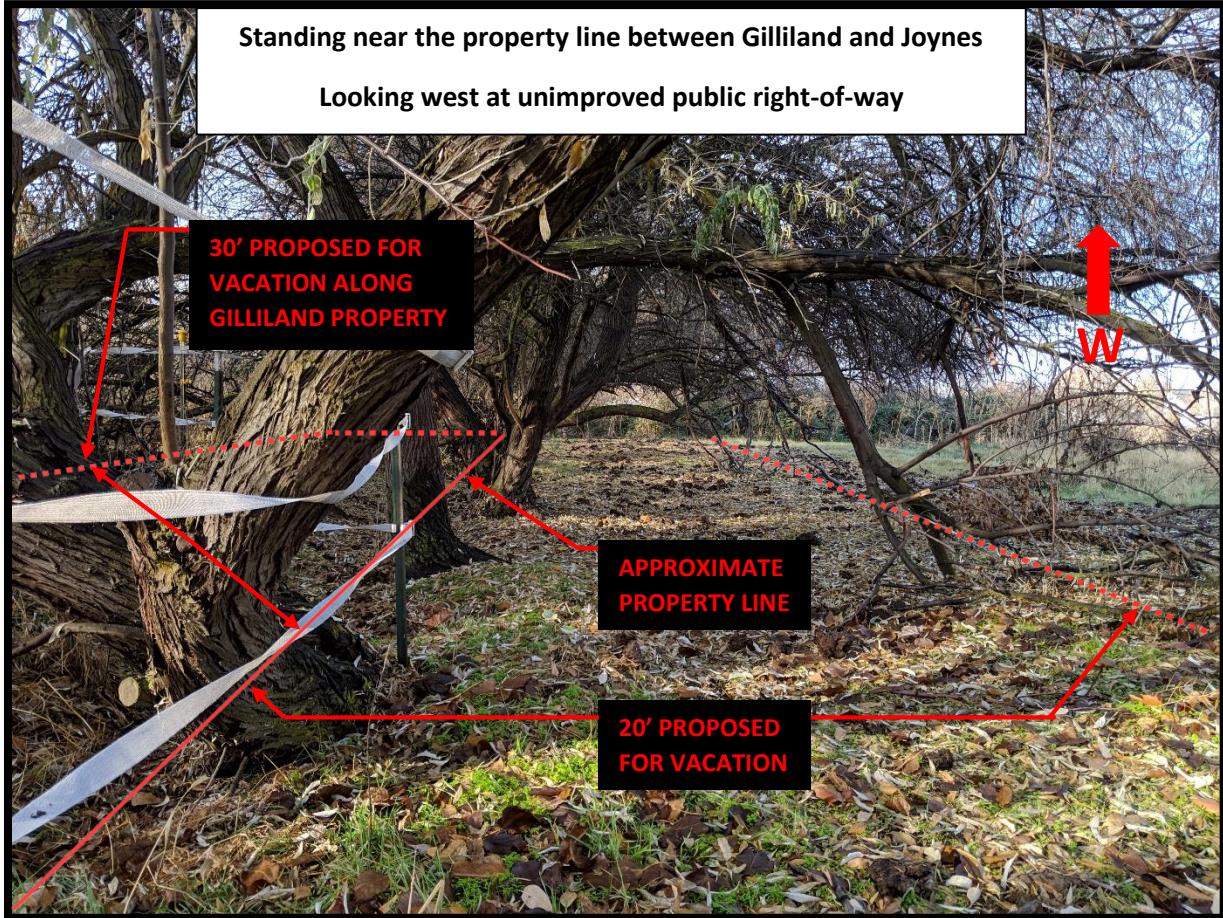
20' PROPOSED
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30' PUBLIC
ACCESS TO
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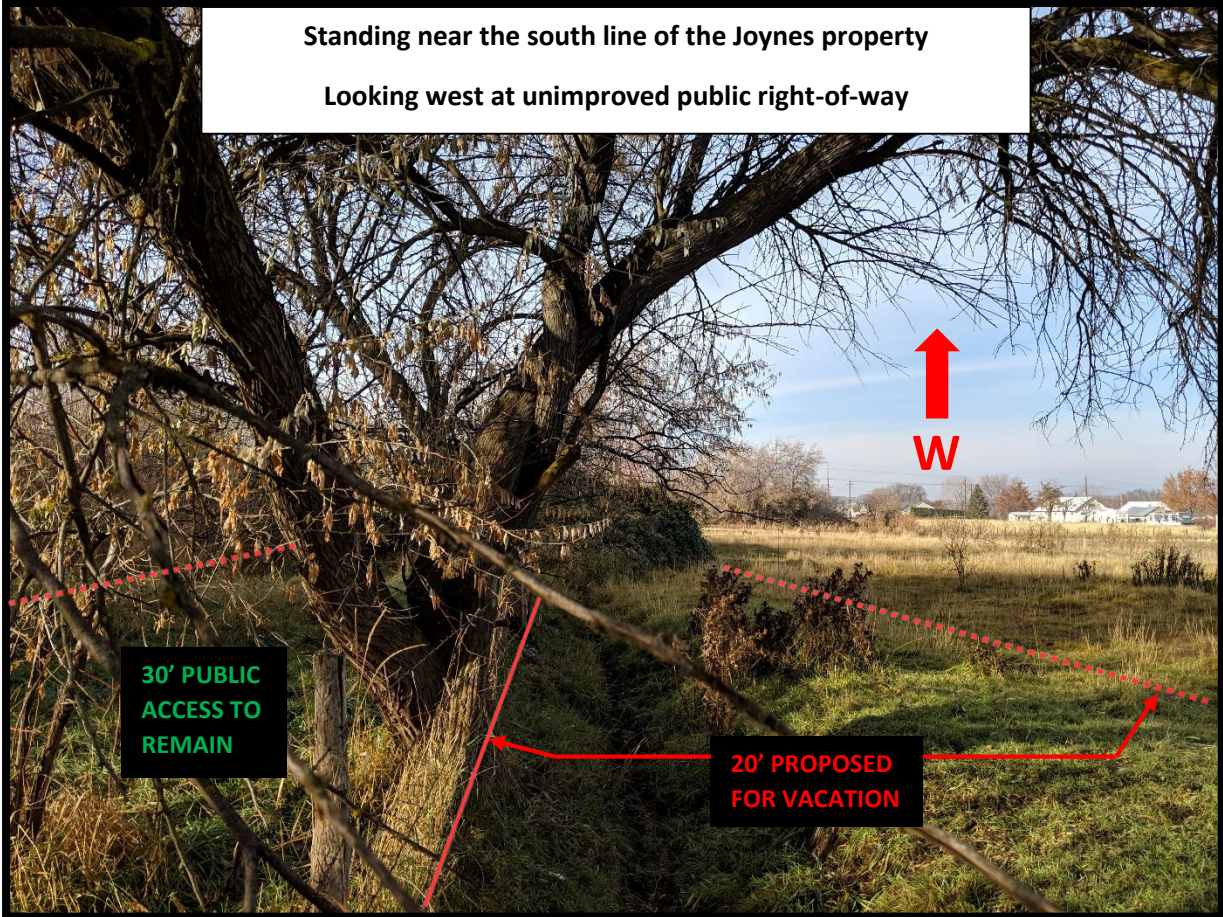
Standing near the south line of the Joynes property
Looking east at unimproved public right-of-way



Standing near the property line between Gilliland and Joynes
Looking west at unimproved public right-of-way



Standing near the south line of the Joynes property
Looking west at unimproved public right-of-way



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