

TWO VERY INFORMATIVE PIECES ABOUT PROPOSED COAL TRAINS THROUGH MILWAUKIE AND CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST THEM

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Save Our Neighborhoods from Toxic Coal Trains
~ Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 6-8pm at City Hall ~

Ask [Mayor Ferguson](#) and councilors to demonstrate regional leadership by adopting a [strong resolution](#) opposing coal trains in our town. WEAR BLUE! to show you are a [Milwaukie](#) Citizen who cares about public health, safety and our local economy. Speak out for protecting our neighborhoods and schools along with city council candidates [Mark Gamba](#) and Scott Churchill.

As [coal markets collapse in the US](#), mining, rail, and banking concerns are gambling our future with new [coal export schemes that have failed in Oregon before](#). If we do nothing, we will become part of the [largest dirty coal export corridor in North America](#). Coal mined in Montana and Wyoming will be transported along the UP Main line through Milwaukie to the [Coos Bay Coal Terminal](#) for export to Asia.

Do you love the [Columbia River Gorge](#)? Over **150 million tons of coal** are slated to be shipped annually through this [national scenic area](#). Mining, transporting, and burning coal contributes to black lung disease, fugitive [coal dust](#), [train derailments](#), [ocean acidification](#), and climate change. If mile and a quarter long uncovered coal trains run through our town, we will be subject to ground water contamination, an increases in respiratory illness, congestion on the roads and rail lines, and plummeting property values.

We can do better! We support community gardens and the Farmers Market! Support fishing, boating, and biking along the Riverfront! And our commitment to community has caught the attention of the **Pro Coal Lobby**. Tell the Coal Lobby what's important to you this Tuesday Oct. 16. Show your support for [Governor Kitzhaber](#) and [Senator Merkley](#) in requesting that coal export terminals be subject to an area-wide environmental review. Protect the [Coos Bay Estuary](#) and nearby residents from harmful coal dust.

This is the last chance to support our neighborhood leaders, city councilors, and the mayor as they join [dozens of cities and elected officials](#) asking for a meaningful scientific studies *before* dangerous coal export projects are approved. [Listen to Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speak out against coal and how it poisons politics](#). This will be a family-friendly event welcome to people of all ages with a chance to provide a powerful community message. Milwaukie Coal Task Force Citizen's Resolution attached.

Rain or Shine! Bring your lawn signs! Snacks will be provided! Please Forward!

To email your public comments, the City has dedicated the following email address:

coaltraininput@ci.milwaukie.or.us

<Milwaukie Coal Task Force Citizens Resolution.docx>

SUPPORT FROM THE SIERRA CLUB

Hi friends,

On Tuesday, October 16th, the Milwaukie City Council will vote on a resolution to oppose coal trains through Milwaukie. If this vote passes, Milwaukie will join 27 other cities and counties across the NW in officially stating opposition or concern about coal export, which is great!

Attend the city council vote and show your support!

WHAT: Milwaukie City Council vote on coal train resolution

WHERE: Milwaukie City Hall. 10722 Southeast Main Street Milwaukie, OR 97222.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16th, 7 pm. Rally starting at 6 pm.

WHO: Milwaukie residents concerned about coal export!

Testimony is limited to 3 minutes.

Mayor Ferguson and City Council members are looking to the public to inform their decision. Tell the Council that you support the Milwaukie Coal Task Force Citizens Resolution and state your support for an area-wide Environmental Impact Statement (area-wide EIS) that looks at the comprehensive and cumulative impacts of coal exports.

You can also email the Council at coaltraininput@ci.milwaukie.or.us by 4 pm on Tuesday, October 16th.

Thank you for all you do for the planet,

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