

Bundle 220 WRB
PARKS COORDINATION MEETING

July 11, 2013, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
WRB Trailer: Conference Room #2 – 3001 Franklin Blvd., Eugene
Conference Call Number: 1-877-226-3629; Code = 13480

MEETING MINUTES

A. Design

a. Phase 2 DE Process

- Justin Lanphear – renderings for Canoe Canal
 - Contractor has met with Justin and Karl to get specific product information utilized in the renderings and is currently working on getting pricing information. They will have that information to Karl on Monday and it will be reviewed with DESC at their next meeting.
 - Concept 2 was the best liked among DESC at the last meeting. Concept can include or not include the terraced effect. Rock blanket may change materials due to budget constraints (decomposed granite or other material). Comments included utilizing materials to facilitate maintenance and safety, durability under sweeper usage, migrating loose materials and the possible need to mitigate the cost difference between the maintenance friendly materials and budget. More will be known once the Contractor provides pricing information.
 - Plantings must be not only native, but specifically native to that area. Suggestions for juncus plants or a variety of ferns were made and are being considered in the design. Plants would need to be low maintenance and shade or drought tolerant.
 - Greg will hold off on bringing these renderings to Willamalane management until the concepts are finalized, as they may change depending on the budget

b. PI Update

- 7/26 opening ceremony – 10:00AM at staging area under a tent. This is a more formal opening, focusing on speakers. About 30 minutes will be allotted for speaking. Rep. DeFazio will be in attendance as well as Victor Mendez, FHWA Administrator. It is possible that former Gov. Ted Kulongoski may also attend, since he was instrumental in the OTIA III Bridge program. Bicycle parking will be available and there will be an opportunity for self-guided tours from Bent 2 to the north.
- 8/3 opening ceremony – will feature some speakers, but it more geared towards a public celebration of the bridge project. There will be hay bale stations in different locations providing information. Access to the bridge will be available and a bicycle group may do a tour on the south end.
- An insert is being planned for the Register Guard for 8/1 featuring a compilation of articles, op-ed pieces and letters written by stakeholders. Nichole will send out information to the group for their participation if interested.

B. Construction Topics

- Bridge opening scheduled for 8/15
- Contractor is accelerating their schedule and will be working double shifts/nights/weekends to complete paving within the weather window. I-5 will be reduced to 50 MPH as trucks exit into the left southbound “dead lanes” for access.
- Park work may be completed this winter and work will continue with stream restoration and the bike/ped viaduct next spring.
- City of Springfield needs to complete their portion of the path from Glenwood Blvd to the viaduct. They are currently planning the work in 2014, so a temporary crosswalk or other mitigation may be necessary until their path is complete.

- Staging area in the park could be pulled out as soon as the opening ceremonies are held. This would allow for seeding of the area during the fall.
- EPOS will be involved in the soft path specifications
- Plant establishment period would start this winter – 1 year establishment period for ODOT then goes to EPOS/Willamalane/Mason Bruce Girard for monitoring. Weeding is currently still Contractor's responsibility.
- Hotel development plan in progress for current trailer site area. Discussion about path access occurring.
- After bridge opening, construction work includes median work at the south end and top lift paving.
- Lillian Pitt piece is expected to be delivered July 24 or 25 and installed prior to the opening ceremony
- rhiza A+D piece is coming together. Karl let them know there is some recycled steel available but isn't aware they are going to use it.
- Devin Laurence Field has received final approvals and pricing which will be discussed with DESC. There is an increase due to the time lapse caused by Oregon's contract freeze that occurred which has effected this work.
- Southbank is of interest as a design enhancement. \$60,000 has been allocated for boulder placement and soft scaping. Area provides a good vantage point of the bridge. There is a concern about camping in this area, which is being addressed with things like terraforming and grading.
- Tulsi will be onsite next Thursday to confirm block outs.

C. NOA's –

- Canoe Canal north bank concrete coloring – variations are due to the sequencing of concrete pours and the concrete curing method. It will all even out as it cures.
- Paving at west end of ramp – not currently within this project's plans.

D. Good of the Order

- Next Meeting – scheduled for August 2, 2013, 10:00AM-11:00AM.