

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Forest Park Trail Bridges Replacement Project. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information: Council approval is required to approve construction contracts with a value over \$500,000. Approval of this action will authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to proceed with awarding a contract for construction of improvements at Forest Park.

Forest Park stretches over seven miles of northwest Portland along the eastern slope of the Tualatin Mountains. The Park includes over 5,100 acres of wooded terrain, making it the largest forested natural area within city limits in the United States. An abundance of wildlife can be found in Forest Park, and with its massive tree canopy and substantial understory, the Park serves as a natural air purifier, water collector, and erosion controller.

PP&R maintains more than seventy miles of trails within Forest Park. Four trail bridges require replacement in order to maintain – or restore – access to two of the most popular trails located within Forest Park. Specifically, two bridges located on the Lower Macleay Trail and one bridge on the Wildwood Trail are structurally deteriorated and require full replacement. More significantly, a bridge previously located on Maple Trail has washed away entirely and requires complete reconstruction. Replacing these bridges will enhance the safety and enjoyment of Forest Park users and will help to ensure the legacy of Forest Park for years to come.

Financial and budgetary impacts: The construction cost estimate for the project was provided by ESA Vigil-Agrimis, Inc. and is approximately \$640,000. Portland Parks & Recreation's confidence level in the cost estimate is medium due to the high demand currently prevailing within the commercial construction market. Costs will be incurred during FY17 and FY18 and the funding source is the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond. Authorizing this contract will help the City to meet its bond spend-down targets.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Leading up to this Council Action, there was an extensive outreach process which helped garner support for the Bond and create the initial Replacement Bond list. Public involvement included several surveys (in which over 2800 people participated), a Town Hall meeting and individual stakeholder meetings. A Council hearing on the Parks Replacement Bond was held on July 24, 2014 and the measure was referred to voters that same day. Portlanders voted on and passed the Parks Replacement Bond (with this project as a major component) at 74% in November of 2014.

For this project, PP&R staff convened a focus group, comprised of Portland residents with a history of a high level of engagement in issues related to Forest Park, to discuss the proposed bridge

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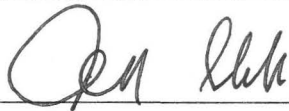
designs. Input from the focus group was incorporated into the overall design of the bridges. Additionally, PP&R staff organized a public open house to discuss the Renew Forest Park Initiative, one aspect of which was the bond-funded bridge replacement project. Staff conveyed construction timelines and potential impacts and answered questions from the public.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

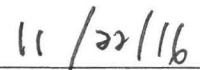
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PP&R Finance Manager Approval, Jeff Shaffer



Date