

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \* Authorize application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a grant in the amount of \$750,000 for development of the Gateway Green Park Project (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

This ordinance authorizes PP&R to seek grant funding for development of several elements at Gateway Green Park site – the trail system, the nature play area, water service, a concrete pad, lighting, signage, and fencing. PP&R and Friends of Gateway Green will develop these recreational elements on an unused freeway remnant into a park.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The grant itself will not reduce or generate new revenue, though the City committed to matching the grant with existing PP&R System Development Charges, as one time matching funds. (Project partners provided \$826,500 in matching funds from their own fundraising efforts.)

There are two sets of costs for this project. The one-time matching funds, and the ongoing maintenance costs. The grant provides 39% of the project budget. The City's one-time matching funds of \$343,100 will be funded from the PP&R System Development Charges account.

PP&R has secured O&M dollars, in the amount of \$198,000 annually for site maintenance.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

A deep community-based effort has driven this project from its inception when FoGG, a local non-profit, started exploring the idea of the use of the site for a bike park. Originally, the idea of park development emerged from a citizen-led effort in 2005. Funding from Oregon Solutions, allowed FoGG to transform concept into an effort that was reflective of the community. The group would secured the participation of forty community-based groups, all of whom pledged to support the park's development through a formal declaration of cooperation in 2008.

The park is sited in East Portland, an area that is park's deficient and populated by a high percentage of low-income households and people of color. The park's development will expand recreational access and provide much needed green space in a park's deficient area.

The group has used a number of methods to engage the public: public meetings, including two charrettes and one workshop to engage the public; tabling, including eighty-one community events, most in East Portland; and presentations, including speaking engagements at fifty-two community meetings. Additionally, the group used a web-based survey, again funded by Oregon

Solutions, to collect stakeholder opinion. Results were tabulated and summarized, and ultimately, became a part of the process that informed the park's initial conceptual design.

Going forward, PP&R and its partner plan to utilize a targeted outreach strategy, dependent on traditional and social media, to raise public awareness of issues around park design, development, and interest in public involvement. Announcements for public meetings, for instance, are made via press releases that are routed to regional and local media outlets; and posted to social media channels and websites. Additionally, attention is given to meeting design to promote inclusion, such as the physical layout of the space, the provision of simultaneous interpretation, and translation of major documents.

This project site is located between two ODOT right-of-ways and will not impact adjacent private properties, once development begins. It is anticipated that NE Fremont, a neighborhood collector, will see periodic construction related trucking for 8 to 10 months.

Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process is Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Outreach and Public Involvement Manager, 503-823-5113 or [Elizabeth.Kennedy-Wong@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Kennedy-Wong@portlandoregon.gov).

There are no groups to testify.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

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☐ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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