

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Whitaker Ponds Entry Improvements 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 Whitaker Ponds Nature Park.

PP&R received a 2014 METRO Nature in the Neighborhoods grant to leverage a capital project that will design and construct improved access to Whitaker Ponds Nature Park in an environmentally-responsible manner via NE 47th Avenue. The Whitaker Ponds Entry Improvements Project (Project) will implement park improvements by constructing sidewalks, a parking lot, onsite stormwater treatment, accessible routes to the educational facilities, a staging area for school groups, and wayfinding signage. The parking lot will include a bus pull-out and drop-off, parking for approximately twenty vehicles, and incorporation of ADA-accessible parking. The 600 feet of sidewalk that will be constructed will be part of a separate but concurrent project, a Local Improvements District (LID) street improvements project managed by PBOT, that will also include stormwater features and repair of the road bed out to the centerline of NE 47th Avenue. Local students, community members, and project partners will be contributing to the Project by installing natural landscaping in the area around the parking lot to better enhance wildlife habitat and to improve water quality.

The improvements constructed under this Project will increase park-user safety, improve access and aesthetics, and will create a more inviting entryway for the public. The effect will be to promote the expansion of the educational, recreational, and stewardship activities available at the Whitaker Ponds Nature Park.

Financial and budgetary impacts: The construction cost estimate for the Project was provided by ESA Vigil-Agrimis Inc. and is approximately \$606,000. 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 sources for the project include a grant from Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program and funding from the Parks System Development Charges.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Whitaker Ponds Nature Park is located in the park-deficient Cully Neighborhood and within walking distance of NAYA, the Native American Youth Academy, which is situated on the south edge of the Ponds. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) is an on-site partner, with

Board members representing the entire watershed, including the Cully Neighborhood Association, Multnomah Drainage District and the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES). A technical Focus Group with representatives from the CSWC helped shape the design for the improvements.

Staff have met with the Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) multiple times, knocked on the doors of all the residences and businesses located on NE 47th Avenue, conducted an open house in the neighborhood, and met with the Native American Community Advisory Council to discuss the project. The project website is updated regularly, with each update accompanied by an e-mail alert to neighborhood and project stakeholders, including the CSWC, Cully Neighborhood Association, NAYA, NACAC, and interested parties who requested to be kept informed at the open house. The public outreach by PBOT associated with the NE 47th Avenue LID Phase 1 has exposed the project to the public, especially the Cully Neighborhood Association and the freight community.

PP&R staff have also discussed the contracting opportunities available with this Project with the National Association of Minority Contractors, as well as the Office of Procurement's Prime Contractor Development Program coordinators.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

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

Jeff Shaffer

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PP&R Finance Manager Approval, Jeff Shaffer

Date