

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a Grant Agreement between Portland Parks & Recreation and Portland Parks Foundation for \$500,000 for the Portland Parks Foundation to fund, project manage, design, permit, and construct the Wildwood Trail Pedestrian Bridge. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The proposed ordinance will allow the City of Portland, Parks & Recreation (PP&R) to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Portland Parks Foundation (PPF) to fund, project manage, design, permit and construct the Wildwood Trail Pedestrian Bridge Project.

PPF, as part of its mission to mobilize financial and popular support to ensure a thriving and accessible parks system, desires to construct a pedestrian bridge over NW Burnside Street to connect Washington Park to Forest Park via the Wildwood Trail (the "Bridge Project" or the "Project"). The Bridge Project is recognized as a City Capital Project in the following City planning documents:

- 2007 Portland Transportation System Plan;
- 1998 Portland Pedestrian Master Plan (June 1998); and
- 1995 Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan.

The Bridge Project will be a major asset to our park system giving life and beauty to our city, and connecting people to place and nature. The City also recognizes the significance of the Wildwood Trail as a regional facility, contributing to the vitality of the community and economy, and is necessary for the public benefit. The Wildwood Trail has great status as a federal National Recreation Trail and Metro Regional Trail designation.

On November 23, 2016, Portland City Council authorized the transfer of an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 to PPF upon evidence that PPF has raised the remaining funds necessary to complete the Bridge Project. The Project is currently estimated at ~\$2,500,000. Pursuant to this transfer, PPF has committed to fund, project manage, design, permit and construct the "Bridge Project." PP&R now intends to define the project via a Grant Agreement with PPF for the project management, design, permitting and construction of the "Bridge Project".

This Ordinance provides the method for transferring these funds to PPF which were allocated by City Council in the Ordinance No. 188111.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The \$500,000 allocation was a City of Portland General Fund allocation to Portland Bureau of Transportation approved by City Council on November 23, 2016 per Ordinance No. 188111.

A \$100,000.00 contribution from Portland Parks & Recreation System Development Charges (SDC) fund will be used to fund PP&R staff time as the City Grant Manager for the oversight of

the Grant Agreement and compliance with its requirements. This SDC allocation was approved by PP&R on June 28, 2017.

Annual Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs for the Bridge Project are unknown at this time. The Portland Parks Foundation will dedicate \$100,000.00 of Foundation fundraising to a maintenance fund for the Bridge Project. PPF and their supporting design and construction teams will prepare a maintenance and operation manual meeting National Bridge Inspections Standards for the anticipated 75-year design life span of the Bridge Project.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The City recognizes the significance and necessary public benefit of the Bridge Project as a federally recognized trail facility and an integral part of the regional trail system, contributing to the vitality of the community and economy. Daily traffic on NW Burnside Street is over 24,000 vehicles per day. This Wildwood Pedestrian Bridge traversing NW Burnside Street would serve the thousands of parks users who use the Wildwood Trail every month by providing a safe access across NW Burnside Street. Additionally, the bridge will allow increased access for the elderly, children, and people with varying degrees of mobility who currently avoid the crossing at NW Burnside Street due to its inherent risks.

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



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 Date