

Ford Street Bridge

July 25th, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Pumfrey,
Engineer of Maintenance of Way,
Portland Ry. L. & P. Co.,
Portland, Oregon.
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. (our No. 34264)
kindly accept our thanks for the prompt attention given to the
complaint affecting the floor of the Ford Street Bridge.

Very truly yours,

OL-H

City Engineer.

34389



PORTLAND RAILWAY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY
PORTLAND, OREGON

SUBJECT: Repairs to decking at no

NO. 34264		SUBJECT	
JUL 23 1917		<i>Ford St. Bridge</i>	
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS			
FOR YOUR ATTEN.	<i>B. O. H.</i>		
REPORT WRITTEN			
VERBAL			
REPLY DIRECT			
PREPARE			
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REC'D	<i>1127</i>		
FORW'D	<i>1127</i>		
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SENT TO FILES BY	<i>276</i>	DATE	<i>7-26</i>

Mr. O. Laurgaard,
City Engineer, Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of July 1 from Robt. Livingstone, relative to on the north end of the Ford Street we had a previous complaint on this residents in the vicinity of the bridge

carpenters to spike down all the loose planks, which work they report was completed last night. I trust Mr. Livingstone will have no further cause for complaint.

The planking on this bridge, of course, will come loose from time to time especially during this dry weather. There is considerable high speed vehicle traffic across this bridge and it is very difficult to keep the planking spiked down. In the past we have made repairs to this decking whenever necessary and if you have any further complaints we would thank you to refer them to us promptly and we will do all we can to remedy the trouble.

Yours truly,

Thomas Purdy
Engineer, M. of W.



PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.
PORTLAND, OREGON

July 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Repairs to decking at north end of Ford Street Bridge.

Mr. O. Laurgaard,
City Engineer, Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of July 18th, submitting a complaint from Robt. Livingstone, relative to the condition of the floor on the north end of the Ford Street Bridge. We wish to advise we had a previous complaint on this same matter from one of the residents in the vicinity of the bridge and we instructed our bridge carpenters to spike down all the loose planks, which work they report was completed last night. I trust Mr. Livingstone will have no further cause for complaint.

The planking on this bridge, of course, will come loose from time to time especially during this dry weather. There is considerable high speed vehicle traffic across this bridge and it is very difficult to keep the planking spiked down. In the past we have made repairs to this decking whenever necessary and if you have any further complaints we would thank you to refer them to us promptly and we will do all we can to remedy the trouble.

Yours truly,

Thomas Purdy
Engineer, M. of W.

July 20, 1917.

Mrs. J. G. Gauld,
253 King Street,
City.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your complaint of July 16th in regard to loose planks on Vista Avenue bridge, I would say that the matter has been reported to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who are responsible for the condition of the bridge. The officials of the company stated that the planking would be attended to at once.

Wm

Thanking you for calling our attention to this matter, I am,

Yours respectfully,

A. L. BARBUR

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS,

by *R. E. Keeners*
Chief, Bureau of Highways & Bridges.

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REK M

Ind. St. Bridge

34252

The Oregon Mortgage Company Limited

Platt Building

Robert Livingstone
Manager.

Portland, Oregon, July 20, 1917

Mr. O. Laurgaard,
City Engineer,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 18th inst. sending copy of your letter to the Engineer of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company regarding the loose flooring on the Ford Street Bridge.

The repairs on the bridge have already been made and the troublesome noise is done away with, and the promptness with which this has been done is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Livingstone

#34160

No.	34217	FILED SYMBOL	
REC'D	JUL 21 1917		Ind. St. Bridge
DEPT. OF PUBL. W.			
FOR YOUR ATTEN.	B	OH	
REPORT WRITTEN			
REPLY DIRECT. PREPARE			
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Ford St. Bridge.

July 18th, 1917.

Mr. Robert Livingston,
Platt Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of the
13th inst. (our No. 34004) concerning the loose flooring on the
north end of the Ford Street Bridge. Attached hereto please find
a carbon copy of the letter which I am today addressing to the
Portland Railway Light and Power Company, calling their attention
to the condition of this bridge for the maintenance of which
~~we~~^{they} are responsible.

Thanking you for calling our attention to this
matter, I am

Yours very truly,
A. L. BARBUR,
Commissioner of Public Works,
by

OL-H
1 Encl.

City Engineer.

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34160

Ford St. Bridge

July 18th, 1917.

Mr. Thos. Pumfrey,
Engineer Maintenance of Way,
Portland Ry. L. & P. Co.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We have a complaint in this office (our No. 34004) from Robt. Livingston, Manager of the Oregon Mortgage Company, relative to the condition of the flooring on the north end of the Ford Street Bridge. I am advised that your company is responsible for the maintenance of this bridge. It would be greatly appreciated if you would give this matter your attention in the very near future, as it appears that the rattling noise caused by the crossing of the bridge by automobiles and other vehicles is very annoying and disturbing to the neighborhood.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very truly yours,
A.L. BARBUR,
Commissioner of Public Works,
by

OL-H
CC to Mr. Livingston.

City Engineer.

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34159

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JUN - 8 1917

NO. _____ 191

SUBJECT Cumbs. Ford St Br.

MR. Dater

{ WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE } REPORT

In line with discussion with Commissioner Dick I recommend this matter be placed on file.

R.E.K

APPROVED

JUN 9 1917

By [Signature]
City Engineer

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My not go into
see note*

*@ files
6/11/17*

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NO. 4-19 1915

SUBJECT Ind St Bridge

ATTENTION OF R. E. K. { WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE } REPORT

Rush

Please prepare
plan as requested
by Mr. Deek. Get
necessary consent
of Macleay -

PHD

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

MATTERS REFERRED

NO. 19

SUBJECT

ATTENTION OF

REPORT { WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE }

These files

Mr. Dater -

*I have seen Fuller
apc this & he seems
willing to give \$50
for Reg. share. Submit
some plan of prop.
Chps. & of adjacent
property of Rodney
Macklay which*

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP PROPERLY FILLED OUT AS SOON AS SUBJECT IS ANSWERED

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

MATTERS REFERRED

NO. 19

SUBJECT

ATTENTION OF

REPORT { WRITTEN }
 { VERBAL }
 { DIRECT }
 { PREPARE }

*may be affected.
I have the plan
in best shape
for talk.*

street

4/6/15

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
 OFFICE OF
 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

NO. _____ 19____

SUBJECT _____

ATTENTION OF _____ REPORT

WRITTEN
 VERBAL
 DIRECT
 PREPARE

R U S H

Mr. Dade -

you will be to
 bear this expense
 if Company does
 the other. Try out
 sufficient of this.
 He will see it.

For M. Bridge
 Rod. Maclean

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NO. 4-1-1915
SUBJECT Ford St Bridge
ATTENTION OF Mr. Dick { WRITTEN
VERBAL } REPORT
DIRECT
PREPARE

It does not seem
feasible to construct
any rail that will
serve as a protection.
An adequate protection
would be expensive.

Are you willing to
spend \$125 on curb
correction? I am asking
this not because the
amount is large but
because of original
memorandum. **APPROVED**
APR 10 1915
By [Signature]
Com. Pub. Works
I am giving a report
to you covering same
T. D.

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NO. 4-1 1915SUBJECT Changing Curbs - Ford St BridgeATTENTION OF Mr. Dater { WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE } REPORT

Pls note Mr. Pumphreys letter.
 We can probably make these
 repairs at less cost by the
 City Bridge Crew.
 Do you approve expenditure?

R. E. K.

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

MATTERS REFERRED

NO. 1-18-15 19.....

SUBJECT *Ford St. bridge*ATTENTION OF *Mr. Bates -*REPORT { WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE }

Has anything been done of protective screen for hand rails + improvement to north of approach at east side of bridge? Accidents are in vail + one was narrowly averted yesterday.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP PROPERLY FILLED OUT AS SOON AS SUBJECT IS ANSWERED

Bates

Sadler
Let us make a joint
inspection of this.
R. E. K.

FEB - 8 1915

REPORT OF _____
DIRECTOR _____
ATTENTION OF _____
DATE _____
NO. _____

MATTERS REFERRED
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

1/2/15

R. E. K.

See attached memo.

1. Already requested
2. Please have some report on this.

I know the gen'l conditions but not the details of just what would be necessary -

Please Rush

PHS

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

MATTERS REFERRED

NO. 1-2-15 19

SUBJECT ~~No. 1~~ 7th St. Br.

ATTENTION OF ~~M.P.H.S.~~

REPORT

WRITTEN
VERBAL
DIRECT
PREPARE

1- Would it be well to heighten the railings on 7th St. bridge? Perhaps it is too much to demand of Co.

2- ~~Imp. of side of n. app. to bridge could be much improved by cutting the walls & rail to meet~~

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP PROPERLY FILLED OUT AS SOON AS SUBJECT IS ANSWERED

ment on Kings St.

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

MATTERS REFERRED

NO. 2 1-2-15 1915

SUBJECT 7th St. Bridge

ATTENTION OF MR. [unclear]

REPORT WRITTEN
 VERBAL
 DIRECT
 PREPARE

by lowering rails
to cut out the steps
at no. end bridge.
W. S. [unclear]



PORTLAND RAILWAY LIGHT & POWER CO
PORTLAND, OREGON

March 30, 1915.

No.	5828	FILED SYMB
MAR 31 1915		
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS		
FOR YOUR	CEA	PHD
WE WITH		
BY		
ACCD.		
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RECD.		
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FILES BY	W	DATE

Mr. R. E. Kremmers,
Chief, Bureau of Highways & Bridges,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

To change the north end of the Ford Street Bridge, as described by you while we were there this morning, which change contemplates flaring the curbs on each side of the bridge for the width of the walks and from the end of the bridge to the first bent and eliminating the steps at the north end of the sidewalk on the bridge by changing the grade of the walk between the first and second bents, will cost about \$125.00.

As these changes are desired by you for the convenience of vehicles, we are of the opinion that the expense of the same should be paid for by the City. The bridge has been built for about 10 years, during which time there has been no change in the width of the driveway or condition of the ends of the bridge, and we have no record of any accidents to vehicles at this place.

If you will send us a letter authorizing these changes to be charged to the City, we will have the work done, providing Mr. Fuller approves the same upon his return from the South next week.

Yours truly,

Thomas Purvis
Engineer, M. of W.

① Reply that we are
thinking of some
such protection
& should take
interest. Call at-
tention to this keep
a private body
& diff. in getting
work done just now
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Jan-5-1915.

Mr. J. Guy Strohm,
Medical Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th regarding protective railings for the Ford Street Bridge, and am pleased to advise you that we have already taken up this question. As you are aware, this bridge is private property and it has been a difficult matter to obtain improvements in the past.

I trust that we will be able to provide some such protection as you recommend, and thank you for the suggestion.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

OR

Ford St. Bridge
5257

J. Guy Strohm, M. D.

Medical Building

Portland, Oregon

Mr. Robt. G. Heick
City

Dear Sir

As a resident of Portland

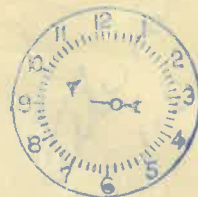
constantly crossing the Ford
and night, I venture to advise

as to the advisability of a
the rail. Not to prevent
suicide, but to prevent
from falling off. It is a common

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Dept. of Public Works



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J. Guy Strohm, M. D.

Medical Building
Portland, Oregon

1/4/15.

Mr. Robt. G. Dieck
City

File^a
1-6-15

Dear Sir

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As a resident of Portland Heights and constantly crossing the Ford St. Bridge day and night, I venture to ask your opinion as to the advisability of a wire netting above the rail. Not to prevent people from committing suicide, but to prevent children and others from falling off. It is a common sight

J. Guy Strohm, M. D.

Medical Building
Portland, Oregon

especially at night, to see people leaning on the railing, enjoying the view from there, and as you know many become dizzy when looking from any height. It would be difficult for two men to throw a body over a wire netting, say six feet above the present rail. I know it would be impossible to keep people from jumping off all the bridges in town, but this bridge is different on account of the view and the mental suggestions that might go with it, especially at night. Most Respt. Yours J. Guy Strohm