

SW Gibbs St. Pedestrian Bridge
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
June 2, 2010
9-11 am
Meeting Notes

Budget - Approved \$1.91M

- **Jody Yates** - The budget will be adopted June 17th. This is actual money we have from increased vehicle registration revenues.
 - Signatures are being gathered for a referendum that will NOT affect our project. The biggest project that would be affected is the Sellwood Bridge.

Schedule - handout

- **Bill Danneman** - Hood Ramp Detour poses issues for bikes and pedestrians. I see bikes and pedestrians from OHSU using this ramp. Need to notify public and seek alternative routes. CH2M to review alternatives.

Colors/Finishes/Weathering Steel

- **David Olongaigh** - You all know how I feel about Weathering Steel, I like it, but the biggest negative to this finish is vandalism. Because of its porous nature, graffiti can not be easily removed. City code requires graffiti to be removed or painted over within 48 hours. Two options are to spray paint to match or scrape off the rust. Both look bad up close. The best fix is to sandblast the surface, which won't happen over the freeway. Because of this, we have decided to paint the bridge to match the tower. The weathering steel was a little bit more expensive, so with the painting, the cost is a wash in the short term.
 - **Frank Phillips** - Can we put a small reveal in the face of the bridge so repainted areas don't look patchy?
 - **David Olongaigh** - Maintenance will just be covering the graffiti, not repainting an area
 - **Gary Conner** - Also, a reveal would be easy in concrete, but not as easy in steel. It would require an add-on, as an impression would affect the stresses in the steel girder.
 - **Tom Noguchi** - Will we be looking for a special type of paint that resists graffiti?
 - **Jody Yates** - I've used them before, they don't work very well.
 - **David Olongaigh** - They work well on porous surfaces like stone work, because they fill the gaps. They wear over time and can be reapplied, but they are expensive.
 - **Gary Conner** - We have attempted to minimize areas targeted for graffiti. The sides of the west approach will be trellised and landscaped. The west approach abutment is a possible target, but we will mortar in some large rocks to at least deter camping.
 - **Frank Phillips** - Will you be installing security cameras? In my experience, even dead cameras deter vandalism.
 - **Jody Yates** - There will be an active cameras at the elevator

monitored by 24 hour security at the Portland Building. I am meeting with a company tomorrow to go over camera options and the possibility of a sign at the west approach to notify people if the elevator is out of order.

- **Don Baack** - I've worked with the city for long enough to know that a sandwich board is just not going to be put out. Disabled people need this sign.
- **Stephan Lefler**- Disabled people encounter these situations all the time. It would be nice to have, but let's not get bogged down with these little nuances. Let's build the bridge.
- **Jody Yates** - I can put in the conduit, to allow for future signage, but I'm not sure if the sign will be included in the bid.

Sketch up Model

- **Gary Conner** - Weep holes have been added to the weir walls, so the upper planters should not retain water.
- Elevator walls will be concrete with a clear sealant and the black lines represent a small reveal. Hardware will be stainless steel, except for the steel on the bridge that will be galvanized.
- Lights will still be High Pressure Sodium, but nothing will prevent a retrofit of Metal Haloid bulbs in the future. The main reason for staying with the HPS bulbs is their 3X longer life span.
- The overhang at the upper elevator door is about 12 ft high. This is not constructed to keep waiting passengers dry, although it will provide some protection. It's primary purpose is to keep some amount of rain off of the elevator mechanics.
- Water draining off the deck will be conveyed to the stormwater facilities via a drainpipe along the stair structure. I do not feel comfortable putting the drain pipe inside of an inaccessible girder.
- We are considering adding extra joints as you approach the east end of the bridge to act as rumble strips for bikers. These will be similar in size to normal sidewalk joints.
 - **Frank Phillips** – Do we need to add truncated domes at the top of the stairs for ADA compliance?
 - **Jody Yates** – I will look into that with our pedestrian advisor
- Railing – The rectangular welded wire adds about \$200,000. We haven't decided which way to bid the project – as chain link or welded wire. Either way, we can submit a Change Order if there are more / less funds available after a bid is selected.
- There will be a few benches along the 6 flights of stairs if someone can not make them all in one shot.
- The bridge deck is still planned with a light brush finish, similar to a traditional sidewalk.

Other Details

- **Jody Yates** - I spoke with the adjacent property owner who has tenants who regularly use the parking spaces removed by this project. Because of that we will be adding four spaces under the bridge for a net loss of one space. We will also look into incorporating these spaces into the Area Parking Permit Program to deter park and

commutes.

- **Bill Danneman** - There are a few spaces around the corner on that block that should also be added to the APPP.
- **Jody** - Maybe I can work with you on this task to make sure we include everything.
- **Jody Yates** - As another note, SW Charter School has leased space at the Discovery Center.
- **Naito Crossing** – ODOT has slightly changed their view of pedestrian crossing facilities, so I will be resubmitting the crossing request.
- **Jim Gardner** – Do we have an add-on list if the bids come in lower than expected?
 - Welded steel fence
 - Naito and Barbur crossings Hawk signal
 - Jody indicated the City would reconvene this group if there are savings after the bid.

Art Update

- We have priced out a few options for the artist, but haven't heard anything back about what she has selected. A couple ideas include a white deck surface with a design and LED lights in the handrail. The same artist will be retained for the Moody project to keep the design consistent.

Next Steps

- **Design Commission** – June 3, 2010 1:30pm
- **Open House** – June 17, 2010
 - **Frank Phillips** – Will you be bringing information regarding the Moody and Light Rail Projects?
 - **Jody Yates** – Yes, you can also have a table for information about your project.