

Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project – Phase 1

March 2014 Update

STIP Federal Grant

- At its January 16, 2014 meeting, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) released the Draft 2015-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment. The Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project – Phase 1 is, of course, listed to receive \$4 million in federal funds (see attached).
- ODOT staff has assured the City that the project is in good shape and will be funded. While it's probably a formality, the City will send a letter of support for the project. LBGA may want to do the same. The public comment period ends this Monday, March 31. Letters must be received by then.
- Following the public comment period and FHWA's air quality conformity review, the Final 2015-2018 STIP will be approved by the OTC, currently scheduled for its November 2014 meeting.

Project Coordination with ODOT

- Since the project will receive federal funds, close coordination with the ODOT Region 1 Office will be important to make sure all federal requirements are met throughout the project.
- Ideally, the federal funds will be spent on portions of the project that will require the least amount of ODOT oversight and regulations. We are currently working with ODOT staff to make this determination. It appears that using the federal funds for right-of-way acquisition would be the most efficient. Some of the funds, however, may need to be spent on design engineering as well.

Request for Proposals for Design Engineering Services

- An initial draft of the RFP has been circulated to City and ODOT staff as well as to both Mike Buck and Carolyn Krebs for comments and suggested changes.
- The RFP should be finalized in the next two weeks.
- If federal funds will not be spent on design engineering, the RFP can be sent to design engineering consultants as soon as the RFP is done.
- If federal funds will be used for design engineering, the RFP will need to be revised to meet ODOT's requirements in order to receive reimbursement for design engineering services. Going this route, the RFP will likely be sent out to consultants later this spring.

Project Advisory Committee

- A Project Advisory Committee has been formed to advise the Project Team on decisions about the design and construction of the project. Attached is a list of the eight committee members, which includes commercial property owners, business owners, residents and one local design expert.
- The PAC's first meeting will be Tuesday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the West End Building. The agenda will most likely include clarifications on the role of the committee, committee meeting management and protocols, a review of the project history, and a status report on the project including project scope, schedule, budget and funding. I hope to have time to also review the RFP and the proposed scope of work for the selected design engineering firm.

City Project Team

City staff members currently assigned to the project are:

- Brant Williams – Project Manager
- Sid Sin – Assistant Project Manager
- Matt Tipton – Project Engineer