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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
Linda Norris
THROUGH: LINDA NORRIS, CITY MANAGER
Rick L. Scott
FROM: RICK L. SCOTT, DIRECTOR
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: UNION STREET RAILROAD BRIDGE PHASE TWO PROJECT
UPDATE

ISSUE:

Information only report to provide the City Council with an update on the Union Street Railroad Bridge phase two project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2009, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to implement phase two funding and construction of lead based paint encapsulation on the nationally registered historic bridge.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Phase two construction started on November 9, 2009. During construction, the bridge has been closed. As of March 1, 2010, 60 percent of the bridge work has been completed, and construction completion is on schedule for May 15, 2010.

The work to date consisted of removal of loose lead paint and rust, primer, mid coat and top coat painting, and installation of conduits for security cameras. All paint removal was done under full containment.

Between now and May 15, 2010, the lift span of the bridge and both lift towers will be painted, security cameras will be installed, and any minor steel repairs will take place.

Friends of Two Bridges, along with assistance from staff, is organizing an event for May 15, 2010, to celebrate the reopening of the Union Street Railroad Bridge. Details of this event will be distributed to the public via press release, email, and web postings.

Award Notifications

On January 13, 2010, Salem's Union Street Railroad Bridge project received the 2010 Engineering Excellence Grand Award for Transportation from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon. Trail connection designers, HDR Engineering, and the City of Salem, were honored for their participation in this project.

On April 9, 2010, Salem's Union Street Railroad Bridge project will receive an Oregon Heritage Excellence Award for creating a popular community destination and transportation route while maintaining the historical character and structural integrity of the bridge. The Heritage Excellence Awards recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations for outstanding efforts on behalf of Oregon heritage.

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