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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE & TRAIL

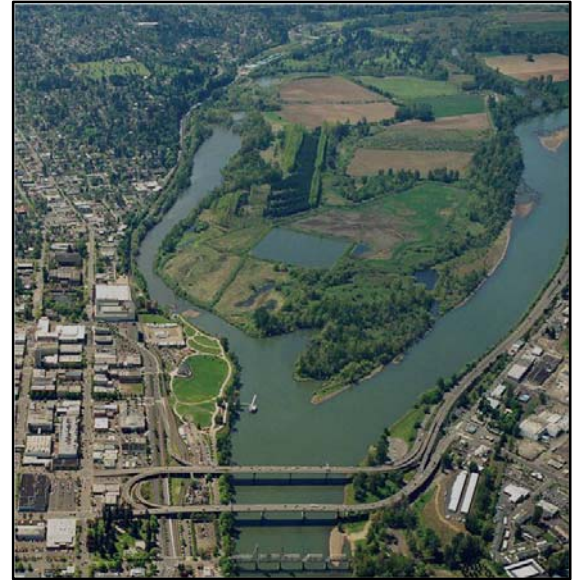
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Background

The City of Salem and Salem's Urban Renewal Agency (Agency) have been working toward a long-standing community vision of connecting three major urban parks, and more than twenty miles of trails via two pedestrian bridges over the Willamette River. In 2009, part of this goal was realized with the renovation of the historic Union Street Railroad Bridge, connecting West Salem's Wallace Marine Park with downtown's Riverfront Park. Completion of the Minto Island Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge (Bridge) and adjoining multimodal trail (Trail) is the last critical link.

What is the scope of the project?

On October 18, 2010, the City Council approved a tied arch bridge design with a 14-foot wide deck which provides a low profile, 600 foot long clear span of the Willamette Slough. The design assumes connecting with the existing paved path in Riverfront Park, just north of the Eco Earth ball. The proposed connection on Minto Island will land adjacent to the existing gravel service road and follow that alignment to the existing paved path approximately 3800 linear feet south at Minto Brown Island Park.



What four conceptual design options did Council consider and which was selected?

On March 23, 2009, Council reviewed four conceptual design options. Two of the bridge design options showed a higher clearance - one with support piers in the water, and one spanning across the Slough without piers in the water. The two other design options showed a lower clearance - one of which with support piers in the water and one spanning across the Slough without piers in the water. After review of public input, Council selected the clear span (or tied arch) design option at a low clearance to move forward to the further design, engineering, and regulatory agency permitting.



Where will the bridge land?

The southern terminus of the Bridge will land on the privately owned portion of Minto Island. In 2010 the City executed an easement agreement with Boise Cascade, LLC to allow the Bridge landing and connecting trail across Minto Island, connecting with Minto Brown Island Park.

What is the timeline for the project?

Design and permitting of the Bridge and Trail is expected to begin in February 2012 and could conclude in the fall of 2013, assuming continued funding for both project components. Assuming full funding for construction of the Bridge and Trail, construction could begin as early as spring 2014 and conclude in fall 2015.

How much will the project cost?

Design, permitting, and construction of both Bridge and Trail is expected to cost approximately \$9,500,000. While some Urban Renewal Area funding has been allocated for the first phase of the project, additional resources will be needed. External funding, include grants, private donations, and in-kind support, will be needed for construction.

Where can I obtain additional information?

Staff from the City's Urban Development Department are managing the funding and outreach components of the project. The Public Works Department will be overseeing the design, permitting, and construction, with support from a consultant. Staff will be presenting updates to stakeholders and the City Council on an ongoing basis beginning in spring 2012. Materials will also be updated to the project website. For more information please visit: www.cityofsalem.net/mintobridge or contact Project Manager, Annie Gorski at tel. 503-588-6178 or email: agorski@cityofsalem.net.

How do I contact the Friends of Two Bridges?

A local non-profit, *The Friends of Two Bridges (Friends)*, was formed in 2006 to support the Union Street Railroad Bridge conversion and construction of the Minto Trail and Bridge, including by pursuing grants, volunteer labor, and public outreach. To learn more about the *Friends* please contact Hazel Patton at tel. 503.581.4939 or email: ptn1363@msn.com.

How can I help?

The City will continue to seek funds to help support the project including grants, contributions from individuals and businesses, help from volunteers, and in-kind donations. Letters of support will be needed to support the City's funding requests.