

Willamette River Bridge Project Update

July 16, 2009

Permitting Activities

- With the exception of 6(f), all permits and approvals have been received.
- All required 6(f) submittals have been made to the National Park Service (NPS) and NPS is prepared to issue approval as soon as State Parks finishes their review. The approval from NPS is expected in mid-July.

Public Involvement

- An intensive public involvement effort has begun related to the start of construction.
- Community Advisory Group (CAG)/Project Development Team (PDT) meetings continue. The last meeting was a combined CAG/PDT workshop on 6/17/09 to discuss sound wall design. The next CAG/PDT meeting is projected to be the second week of August.
- Response by the Laurel Hill Valley property owners has been overwhelmingly in favor of construction of a sound wall. Draft design drawings have been distributed and door to door canvassing is anticipated. All affected property owners will have an opportunity to comment further.
- Public Involvement during construction will be contracted using the ODOT RFP process. Proposals were submitted July 9, 2009 and interviews will be conducted July 16, 2009. Suzanne Roberts (OBDP) is the Construction PI Lead until a contractor is on board at which time OBDP will resume an oversight/management role.
- A groundbreaking event is projected to be scheduled for either August 6 or August 11.

Design Activities

- EWA 2 has been completed and the CM/GC was issued NTP on July 2, 2009. It consists of the work bridge, cofferdams, temporary trail improvements, sign bridge, and access under south approach.
- EWA 3 and 4 have been combined. Included will be: SB Bridge to bottom of superstructure, complete SB approach, the entire SB ramp, complete SB Canoe Canal Bridge, SB mainline rough grading to top of aggregate, and I-5 temporary roadway widening for traffic staging.
- EWA 3 was submitted for OBDP review comments 7/1/09 and is expected to be fully executed in late August to include construction NTP.
- A coordination meeting was held June 29 involving FHWA, ODOT and OBDP to outline how ODOT and FHWA reviewers will be included in the review of EWA # 3 and future major submittals. The meeting was a success and the joint EWA # 3 review is now in process.
- Guaranteed Maximum Price NTP (GMP): Feb 2010: Remaining work at GMP will be less than 50% of total effort.
- Transportation Enhancement funds have been approved for a connection between Springfield and Eugene's primary east-west bicycle and pedestrian trail system along the south bank of the Willamette River. Discussions are ongoing about how to coordinate this work with the WRB project.

Construction Activities

- The CM/GC was issued NTP for EWA # 2 on July 2, 2009 and is now in the final stage of coordinating subcontractors. Construction activities began July 14, 2009.

DMWESB Activities

- Provided input on subcontracting and possible issues with low bid vs. value based selection in EWA # 3.

Management (ODOT/OBDP) Activities

- Two additional Risk assessment Workshops have been requested by the APM to coincide with EWA 3 negotiations in mid-August and SB Advance Plans in early November. PDN 8025 for these activities has been approved.
- Completed an internal WOC 8 “scrub”. The purpose is twofold: (1) to bring WOC 8 up to date to reflect the services being performed and (2) to develop language for the import into WOC 14.
- Prepared and submitted PDN 8024 that extends Public Involvement services through the end of construction in an oversight capacity to include all PI services required until a PI firm is contracted by ODOT to provide daily services during construction.
- Developing a new section in PPM 16 outlining the CM/GC process.
- Independent construction Progress Plan cost estimate was prepared by OBDP.
- A CMR is being prepared to change the GMP date to January 29, 2010 from December 2009, and to make funding adjustments.