



North Portland Greenway Trail  
Project Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 – 9:00 PM  
20 February 2013

## Notes

### Meeting Goals:

- Understand purpose of project and timeline to completion of trail
- Fully review and clarify trail sections 4 and 5 and their representation within the report
- Discuss and agree upon report perspective and outline

### I. Welcome and introductions

Meeting goals and expectations were reviewed.

Staff discussed purpose and content of the final report. It is intended to accurately represent what you are telling us, the trail alignment that can be built to date, gaps, alternatives and reflect the next steps.

### II. Overview of project goals and outcomes expected from PAC members

- Document what our ideal alignment is
- Look at the long term vision, not just the here and now
- Represent the true desires of the trail. Take a serious look and try to document it as best we can, to make the best, or ideal, trail.
- Make a table and specify who is responsible for what.
- Explain the next steps (PP&R, METRO, UP, etc)
- Create a statement that reflects the importance of what it takes to build the “right” alignment
- Continue building on the idea that the City can use industrial areas and do good work with them.

Staff reviewed the diagram outlining the life of a project. Presently we are working on 10% design with at least 80% of the project still to go.

*Question:* Is there anyone in PP&R pursuing acquisitions?

*Answer:* Metro is pursuing 2 easements – Lampross Steel and Crown, Cork and Seal.

### III. What we heard, Public feedback – Committee feedback

- We received little support for the alignment from the third open house comments, especially Segments 4 and 5.



- The trail seems to do well up until it goes from recreation to transportation (the end).

Committee generally agreed that the negative feedback reflects the community concern about Segments 4 and 5. They agreed that the positive response to sections 1-3 is still likely correct.

#### **IV. How we responded**

##### Segment 4

- a. How will a trail fit on N. Basin? Design will continue with PBOT and local businesses.
- b. We want to get a community sense of Basin (not design feedback).
  - Feedback on “do we like / dislike? Other things?”
  - ROW Businesses? Reaction?
  - How do you do it safely? (on basin) – buffer, etc.
- c. Separation – buffer
  - This is the same type of treatment that is used on SW Moody Avenue (SW Portland)
- d. Issues:
  - Trail separated from the road
  - Identify safety issues
  - Continued outreach to local businesses
  - Outer circle /UPS (dangerous)
  - Can’t take it in back of lagoon – sewer easements would not allow trail
  - Issues of safety – driveway viewing
  - Drivers don’t want to interact with cyclists – unnerving for them too

##### Segment 5

###### Cement Road

- Continue to work on getting access at a political level
- Work with Swan Island business owners
- Preferred option – will continue to pursue
- Alta+Planning design will be shown in the report

###### NE Greeley

- At 10% design the trail is grade separated from the road
- Proposed alignment is expensive because of retaining walls and grade

###### NE Interstate

- Two options in report – pedestrian and recreational cyclists using NE Larabee and commuting cyclists continue on NE Interstate.



- The plan shows existing conditions – sidewalk and bike lane. Proposal to elevate the bike lane to create a trail; combined 10 ft pull away from street
  - Interstate unsafe – so out of direction, no one will use undersized bike lane especially under the Broadway Bridge

#### NE Thunderbird Drive

- Looking at how to make it a signature place
- Is this part of the River Plan/Central Reach? Where can advocates plug in?
  - We will get back to you on that.
  - Want meeting relevance
- Central City Plan based around Coliseum redevelopment

*npGreenway vision:* Larabee overpass... have it be mixed use (for vehicles and pedestrians). PBOT doesn't want pedestrians on ramp. Additionally, the future of the ramp is uncertain.

#### **V. Themes and public feedback to be included in the report**

1. Show the preferred alignment as depicted in the River Plan/North Reach
2. Identify gaps and alternative alignments until easements or property is secured.

#### Outstanding questions

- Who will be in charge of filling the gaps once this project is finished?
- Like with all projects, we will apply for funding
- Plan will explain costs, have these goals

#### NPGT 10% Design Probable Cost Estimates document

- Scale vs. \$ amount
- Will be in draft → indicate scale.
- Segment 3 is expensive
- Go over / explain costs of segments

#### **VI. Plan Document Review**

Things to keep in mind while reviewing the report:

- Focus on the big picture; do not check for grammar or details. Tell us **what** not **how**.
- Report will be sent out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March.
- The group will get 1 week for review

#### **VII. Council Presentation**

- Tentatively the second or third week in April
- We will be inviting some of you to be in presentation. Goal is to have everyone in the room representing the community and saying and next steps.



### **VIII. TASKS – ongoing work**

1. Acquisition or easements to fill the gaps
2. How does it look and feel like? (in report)
  - a. Qualitative feel
  - b. Types of users
  - c. Markers on trails (trails, etc)
    - d. Address comfort level (signage)
3. Check on the River Plan/Central Reach
4. Acquisition + 10% alignment to complete
5. Refine Trail along Thunderbird Drive
6. Work with PBOT and property owners, Basin, and possible road diet.
7. Work on Cement Road with the railroad, local businesses and City Council
8. Columbia—grade separated crossing design

### **Meeting Feedback**

1. Impressed for taking feedback. The life of a project was helpful
2. Given short term trade offs – will serve purpose, shoot for long term
3. Negative remarks, but people love the idea. Invested in “well designed”. Safety and function must be met. Functional for all. Appreciate people involved. Equity, function, and safety.
4. Compliments on being open to processing. Look forward to report. We have come a long way.
5. We originally thought we were on the losing end. Every project has bumps, though.
6. Kudos to government. Concerned of gaps and the no to the overpass. This is a great opportunity to use public process.
7. Feel much better now than before. There has been good energy – I am impressed
8. Impressed at outcome. Struck by complexity. Glad it will be human and organic and will portray what community wants.

Next Meeting: Poll PAC members to determine