



South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update August 4, 2014

Construction

Major earthwork, forming, and concrete pouring continue on the viewing terraces and pathways, the lawn shelves and stairs, and the electrical system. This week digging and installation will begin on the irrigation system. In order to evenly join the new terraces with the existing walkway, some areas of the existing paver pathways will be removed and reset. While we expect to be able to keep the pathways open while that work happens, there may be some short term closures.

As a reminder, Phase 2 construction work includes: grading the site; building a new retaining wall west of the Swale; building the overlooks; paving the dual system paths and small plazas; installing irrigation and planting; and installing the public art.

Schedule

PP&R expects to complete construction in November 2014. The lawn will be seeded during the fall and will be left to grow and get established through spring 2015. As the lawn is establishing, PP&R will be able to provide access to the ramp leading down to the river at SW Whitaker. We expect the lawns to be sturdy enough to withstand public use in spring 2015.

Work Hours

Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm

Concrete Pouring – some neighbors notified us that work was beginning before 7am. After discussing with our contractor, we were informed that the high summer temperature was causing the concrete to set up too quickly and not giving the crews enough time to do the surface finish work.

Pouring concrete earlier in the morning produces a higher quality surface. On the next page is a recent photo of a concrete pour for the stairs at SW Gibbs Street. This shot was taken on a hot day and the crews were working at maximum speed to get the wet concrete in place and the surfaces finished before the temperatures prevented it. All hands on deck!

The Portland Parks & Recreation website – www.portlandparks.org is the place to go for accurate and up to date information on the progress of the project. We know that construction is inconvenient, messy and sometimes dangerous. By providing accurate and timely information, we will do our best to let you know what to expect.

Please let me know if you have any questions, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, 503-823-5113 or Elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portlandoregon.gov



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