

SE 122nd Ave:

Johnson Creek Bridge Replacement | Open House

Leach Manor House

6704 SE 122nd Ave

Portland, OR 97236

Thursday, April 28th | 7pm – 8pm



QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Q: You said construction isn't happening until 2019. So nothing is happening until then?

A: **Our projection is that we will not be permitted to work in the water until July 15, 2019, based on the federal permitting process timeline for bridge work in essential salmon habitats. However, other bridge demolition work could be done in the weeks prior, such as rail and asphalt removal. Any work in the creek has to be completed in the 6-week in-water work period from July 15 – Aug 31st which occurs only once per year. Work cannot be done in the water outside this time frame.**

Q: Construction won't even happen for another 3 years?

A: **The new bridge is projected to be finished around Christmas 2019.**

Q: Can SE Brookside Dr. be opened up for rerouting?

A: **At a minimum, civil and stormwater improvements would need to be done. Not only would the roadway have to be built out but the Brookside neighborhood would have to agree to this happening, which is unlikely. The road closure was a stipulation of the construction of the subdivision.**

Q: Why don't we just add a temporary bridge in the meantime?

A: **The federal-aid funding does not cover a temporary bridge; only a permanent one. A temporary bridge would still require permitting and could not be constructed immediately.**

Q: Do emergency services know about the bridge closure?

A: **Yes, emergency services have already been notified.**

Q: Can the project and traffic control plans be expedited?

A: **Our traffic engineering team is currently working on this.**

Q: Why doesn't the city just repair the bridge instead of replacing it?

A: **The soils are too weak and damaged to support the footings for the bridge.**

Q: Who is responsible for cutting back vegetation along and above the road?

A: **Generally, the adjacent property owners are responsible to cut back the vegetation overhanging the road. However, our maintenance crews will look to cut back vegetation where PBOT has responsibility.**

Q: What is being done about the school bus routes up the hill to Flavel St. being unsafe?

A: **The city is looking to increase safety for the school bus routes. We have contacted the David Douglas School District.**

Q: What prevents funds from the Foster project to be reallocated?

A: **That project is also federally funded, but from an entirely different program source. The question can be proposed.**

Q: Foster Pl. is getting more traffic (heavier and longer vehicles), could there be funding to get this road paved?

A: **This will get looked into, but funding likely won't come from this project. Police enforcement may be used to patrol for use by restricted vehicles.**

Q: Could the signage at 122th Ave. and Flavel St. that was removed be put back?

A: **Yes, we can install something more permanent in its place. The new signage would be more specific about the bridge being out of service with no thru traffic allowed.**

Q: What about the debris under the bridge at 110th, could someone take a look at that?

A: **That issue will be brought up to BES.**

Comments:

- PBOT maintenance operations will add SE 122nd Ave to anti/de-icing routes.
- PBOT will look into adjusting signal timing at 134th Ave, 110th Dr., and Foster and adding a left turn arrow at Foster. PBOT has started to look into paving the right shoulder at 110th Dr and Foster, northbound.
- SE 112th is not a viable detour route if Foster Rd is flooded.

E-mail received at close of meeting:

The new bridge could be built next to the existing bridge to the west. Bank pilings could be installed while the bridge is being bid on and engineered (while staying out of the water). The city owns Leech Garden parking lot so no private property would be affected. Change in road right of way would shift roughly 100 feet to the west. Leech Garden would gain parking in front of the entrance gate and a relocated parking lot on the south end of the bridge, with the area no longer being used as a roadway.

Money funded toward Foster Rd's "4 Lane to 2 Lane Change" could be permitted for use immediately, with bridge project funds replacing Foster Road project funds. When completed, the old bridge can be removed during the in-water work period of *any* upcoming summer. Modification of right of way is not uncommon, such as the bridge on Foster and Barbara Welch that was significantly widened.

This proposal should be given serious consideration as the present 3+ year closure of such a steep hilly area with limited roadways is a major transportation issue for adults, school kids, and emergency services.