



## **South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update**

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Not much has changed since the last update. In order to begin construction this summer, several things need to happen

- All permits need to be secured
- The water level must drop
- An ordinance needs to go through City Council to approve the contract and allow us to proceed

We continue to work with the contractor to finalize the construction details. This is quite an undertaking for a project of this scope and the devil is truly in the details.

While the permits were submitted some time ago, we continue to work through details with the Army Corp of Engineers and Bureau of Development Services to provide additional information and clarification on the project. We anticipate receiving the permits in June. Once the permits are in-hand, we can work with the contractor to begin staging.

We continue to closely monitor the Willamette's water level. It is essential that the water level be within a specific range to allow us to begin the riverbank work. Water levels depend on a number of factors (all of which we have no control over) which include: rainfall, upstream dam releases, temperatures, and tides. Working with a team from a variety of disciplines, we are watching and hoping to predict when the level will be low enough to begin work. This is an inexact science...

We also work closely with the chair of the South Waterfront Nature and Green Spaces committee. This week's conversation included questions about moving the construction fence.

The Portland Parks & Recreation website – [www.portlandparks.org](http://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 hope that we can let you know what to expect. Thanks for your patience!

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