



## **South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update**

**July 2, 2012**

Here are a couple of highlights from the past week or so of work – It is a bit mundane, but I was interested in all it took to get this up and running. Here is a snapshot:

- Working with PGE to get electricity to the construction trailer;
- Working with the Water Bureau to get water to the construction trailer;
- Having the US Department of Agriculture survey the existing shrubs, trees and brambles to determine if there were any native bird nests (there weren't);
- Installing a rock construction entrance with a wheel wash – they literally wash the truck wheels before they go onto the neighborhood streets;
- Completing the waste handling permits for disposal of the lightly contaminated soils at either Hillsboro or Tigard facilities, depending on the level of contamination;
- Widening the existing path so that it can serve as the haul road up and down the site;
- Finalizing our Building Permit; and
- Finalizing our In Water Work permit that will allow us to do the beach work

### **Safety**

- Safety training for all workers and project managers
- No accidents or near misses

**Erosion Control** – The goal of this is to keep the dirt where we want it and not in the river, the air or on the neighborhood streets

- Dust control – watering the dirt to keep dust down on days when it doesn't rain;
- Silt Fencing and Straw Wattles – a line of cloth and long rolls of straw, placed between the construction and the river to keep sediments out of the water.

**Water Levels** – we continue to closely monitor the water levels – the cool, wet June has left us two weeks behind a normal water level. This means the water level today is what it would normally have been two weeks ago. Portions of the construction depend on the water level dropping.

Work hours are 7:00am-5:00pm, Mon-Fri. This may vary as the project moves forward.

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 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](mailto:Elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portlandoregon.gov)