

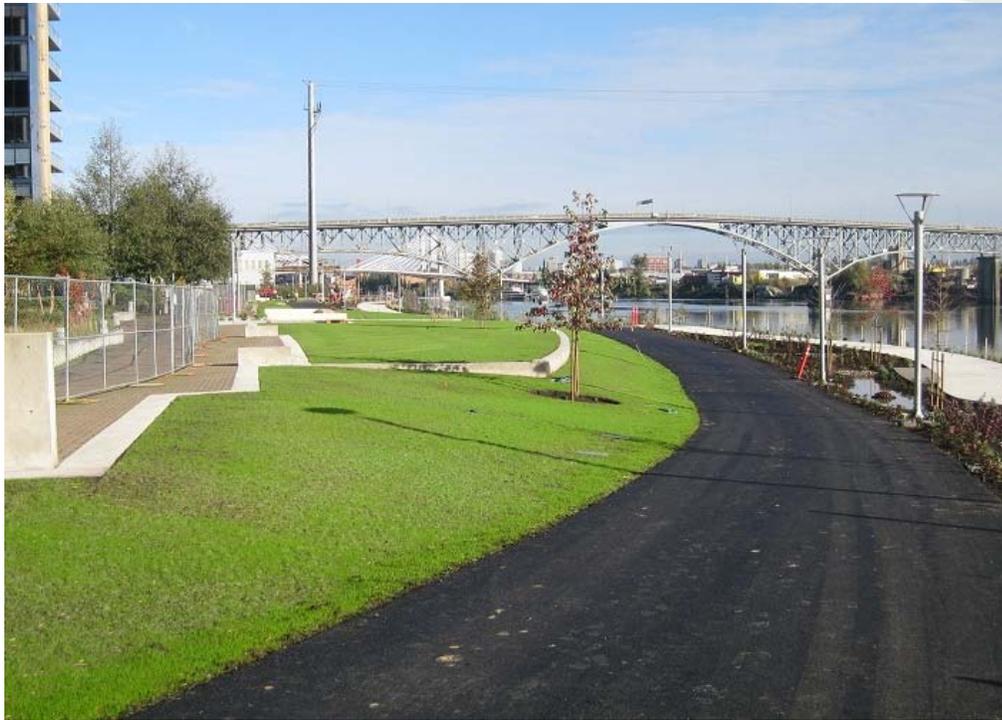


South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update October 31, 2014

Construction

We are getting close! The paving is complete and the lawns are seeded. The landscaping subcontractor, Green Art, is installing the plantings and mulch while the electrical subcontractor, Affordable Electric, is finishing up the wiring and lighting. Benches of various kinds are being installed, while the remaining metal work – guardrails, handrails and safety railings - are being delivered to the site and installed as fabrication is completed.

Below is an October 29 photo from the site:



Looking north from outside the Atwater: L-to-R: upper walk, lawn terraces, asphalt bike path, stormwater swale, and concrete pedestrian path.

Public Art

Have you noticed that interesting assembly of 3 trees laid on their sides upon concrete pods near the Curry Street overlook? Still incomplete, this is the park's public art piece provided by the 2% for Art Program administered by the Regional Art and Culture Council. It is called "Cradle to Cradle", by artist Buster Simpson, who comments that it is a "...sculptural monument to and for the Willamette River...One-and-a-half ton anthropomorphic concrete anchors hug uprooted trees to secure their position in the floodplain landscape and provide biomass for habitat enhancement. The intent of the work is to acknowledge the dynamic forces of the river, climate and human interaction and express the intervention of the reconstructed shoreline." For more information about Buster and his work, visit:

<http://www.bustersimpson.net/>

Schedule

PP&R expects to complete construction during November, with final adjustments continuing through the end of the year. The site will be completely fenced to allow the lawns to establish through spring 2015. During that time, PP&R will provide a (fenced) walkway allowing 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 the spring 2015.

Public Meeting and Grand Opening

Project staff will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond (thank you again, Umpqua!) to answer any remaining questions about construction and introduce the PP&R staff who will maintain and manage the park after the contractor departs. All are welcome.

A Grand Opening Celebration is being planned for the spring of 2015, once the site is fully open. The date is still to be determined, but please watch this space for details as they are finalized.

Work Hours

Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm with possible work on Saturdays.

The Portland Parks & Recreation website – www.portlandparks.org is the place to go for accurate 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