



## Staff Report – Meeting Item

Lacamas Park Trail Bridge

Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director and Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY:** As discussed at prior City Council meetings, concerns have been raised by some citizens and Council Members regarding people jumping from the trail bridge that crosses the Lacamas Lake-Round Lake Canal at Lacamas Park. Council Member Burton proposed three different strategies at the July 20th meeting. Below are the options that were identified, along with an additional option discussed amongst staff.

- Maintain status quo:
  - There is not an Ordinance in the Camas Municipal Code that addresses the topic of jumping from bridges. If an Ordinance is added, it would become law, penalties for violations would be set forth and the Ordinance enforced.
  
- Post a general warning sign:
  - See attached example. Cost per sign approximately \$50 (plus mounting hardware).
  - WCIA does not recommend posting a sign as it may create a duty or perception of enforcement that might not otherwise exist.
  - Would likely generate calls to the Police Department and others with complaints or requests for enforcement.
  - Should also sign existing sidewalk adjacent to road bridge.
  - Timing: Could be accomplished in approximately one week.
  
- Install fencing and/or other improvements:
  - See attached example. Ballpark Cost Estimate of approximately \$50,000.
  - If improvements are made, need to ensure compatibility with stated goals.
  - Other considerations: budget; aesthetics; safety; other uses.
  - Recommend removing existing sidewalk adjacent to road bridge (additional cost).
  - Timing: Late 2020 or early 2021 completion

- Hire a part time "Bridge Monitor" during warm weather
  - Cost/Year – approximately \$10,000
  - Assume 6 hrs/weekday and 8 hrs/weekend-day at \$15/hour. Memorial Day to Labor Day.
  - Timing: Contingent on budget authority and available personnel.

As requested, staff and the City Attorney will introduce the topic and be available to answer any questions.