



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Leana Kinley, City Administrator
RE: City Administrator Staff Update
Meeting Date: August 12, 2021

Overview of items staff has been working on over the past month not listed in the project updates:

Community Workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – The workshop will take place on Tuesday, September 7th at 6pm. The location is to be determined and staff will work on advertising.

Fire Update – The outlook is for a significant fire danger level through the end of September. All agency resources are tapped out and if an incident is to occur the local resources are all that is available. They continually evaluate forest activity and may do a full shut-down as conditions evolve.

ARPA Funding – At the September 16th council meeting the Stevenson Downtown Association Executive Director will be present to provide information and to discuss how the city can provide funds to help businesses raise salaries as requested at the July 15th council meeting. Information will also be provided regarding options for direct relief to residents (lower utility rates) and other business and economic development projects. The funds need to be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026.

Parking – Updates to the parking code as discussed at the July 15th council meeting will be incorporated into the overall analysis performed by Alex Ralston, the city's Interdisciplinary Parking Coordinator. An ordinance for council review is anticipated in the fall.

Bridge of the Gods – While a timeline is not yet confirmed, there are anticipated bridge weight restrictions which will impact commercial crossings.

The Dalles Bridge – This is a reminder the bridge crossing at The Dalles/Dallesport will be closed every Thursday night-Monday morning starting after Labor Day and through June 2022.

Event Signage – The city is working with the US Forest Service on their plans to update the city sign as part of their sign update project throughout the National Scenic Area. While the conversation has begun, we anticipate this to be a multi-year project with public engagement.

This need was identified in 2011 and the plan was to submit a TAC application for 2021, however it was pulled back due to the decrease in TAC revenues due to COVID-19. The delay offers an opportunity to possibly partner with the Forest Service on the project. In the interim, the city has a process to better utilize the temporary structure which we will implement for 2022. The interim solution will also allow testing of the process for use in the final event signage structure.

Action Needed: None.