



## MEMORANDUM

To: Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager  
Chris Neamtzu, Community Development Director

From: Zach Weigel, PE, City Engineer

Date: July 13, 2023

Subject: CIP #2107 – Boeckman Creek Interceptor & Trail Project  
Response to Erin Yatabe Comments made at City Council on 6/19/2023

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I have prepared this memo in response to comments made by Erin Yatabe at the June 19, 2023 City Council meeting as part of the Boeckman Creek Interceptor & Trail (BCIT) project.

**Issue Number 1:** The city sent an aggregated response to trail open house questions. We have specifically asked 3 times that the city commit to and publish that affected stakeholders are within 2000 feet of the interceptor. This would ensure all affected stakeholders are given advance notice of when decisions are being made prior to and in between the 4 city scheduled public events. It ensures all affected stakeholders don't have to individually scan the city website for trail related meetings and decisions on a daily basis to be involved.

### *Staff Response:*

The BCIT Neighborhood Open House Summary that was published on June 16, 2023 and the letter to Erin Yatabe date June 19, 2023 state that the residents within 2000 feet of the project limits will continue to receive mailed notices in advance of the planned public meetings. These meetings consist of three public events over the next year at different stages of the project design, including pre-design, preliminary design, and advance design. These meetings are in addition to the neighborhood meeting held with adjacent residents and property owners on May 25. Each milestone event will include presentation of greater design detail and provide an opportunity for community stakeholders to speak with the project team, review proposed designs, and provide input to help shape the final project plans prior to starting construction.

Notice of the project kickoff was mailed out to the same 2000 foot boundary in May. The notice included information on how interested community members can stay up to date and learn of upcoming events to participate in the design of the project, including links to the project website, as well as sign up for e-newsletter and text updates.

In addition, the project team will continue to use the website, social media posts, e-newsletter, and text updates to provide updated project information, notice of when workers will be

onsite, and announcements of upcoming public meetings. To make sure we are reaching those community members without electronic access, the project team is placing articles in the Boones Ferry Messenger and coordinating with nearby home owner associations and apartment complex managers to help distribute project information. All project communication includes City project manager contact information, who is available to answer questions, discuss concerns, and make accommodations as needed.

**Issue Number 2:** We have an urgent, immediate, safety issue that can't wait for an updated project schedule from the contractor later this summer for further engagement opportunities.

Currently there are survey crews, and going forward there will be countless work crew members, within feet of our properties, children, and pets. The June 16th statement from staff states construction of a permanent fence between city property and private property was not anticipated as part of the project.

The construction of the trail will force community members to be exposed to real-life, present-day safety concerns and will leave those same members with no consideration of your responsibility to construct a fencing solution to protect them. Council, this is a prime example as to how time has passed, the community has evolved, and modifications to this trail plan are desperately needed.

*Staff Response:*

The Response to Neighborhood Petitions Memo dated May, 26, 2023 and the BCIT Neighborhood Open House Summary published on June 16, 2023 state that the project will include fencing options at specific locations to be determined as the design of the trail project progresses. Fencing location and design have not yet been determined. The use of permanent fencing will be determined based on public feedback, protection of natural resources, potential for trespass, movement of wildlife, and other considerations as identified throughout project design. Fencing design information will be shared with the community for input at the planned milestone events.

The previous project correspondence stated above also included information for adjacent residents and property owners who would like to install a fence themselves as follows:

*Installation of a fence within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) is not allowed. However, most of the residential lots along the Boeckman Creek corridor are within the SROZ Impact Area, a 25-foot buffer that is beyond the SROZ. Fences within the SROZ Impact Area are allowed in consultation with the City. The Wilsonville Natural Resources Manager, Kerry Rappold, is available to consult with property owners and residents for construction of fences and other structures within the SROZ Impact Area to help ensure there is no encroachment into the SROZ and no permanent impacts to the resource area. Please contact Kerry by phone at (503) 570-1570 or by email at [rappold@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:rappold@ci.wilsonville.or.us) to schedule a consultation.*

During construction, temporary fencing/barrier to delineate and protect the construction zone will be utilized. The type of temporary fencing to be installed will be determined as design progresses and shared with interested community members for input at the planned milestone events. The type of temporary fencing and barrier to be incorporated into the project construction will be based on a number of factors, including distance to residences, potential for trespass, type of construction activities, topography, vegetation, tree protection, as well as other considerations.

**Issue Number 3:** Questions after the June 16th response.

- When did the community agree to the design of the Boeckman Creek trail as a paved 12 foot wide road that MUST accommodate a traditional sized sewer maintenance service truck?

*Staff Response:*

The City is subject to regulations and constraints that must be complied with as part of the project, such as accessibility for persons with disabilities. The BCIT Neighborhood Open House Summary published on June 16, 2023 includes additional details on these types of compliance requirements as follows:

The access for sewer maintenance needs to be wide enough to accommodate the service vehicle and equipment necessary to clean and inspect the pipeline with additional space to allow a bicyclist or someone in a wheelchair enough room to pass. The service vehicle needed to clean a sewer pipe of the size to be installed along Boeckman Creek is called a vacuum excavator and is a large vehicle, 39 feet in length, 8.5 feet in width, and 13 feet in height. Additional access road width is needed on each side of the vehicle in order to safely maneuver along the route.

The Boeckman Creek Trail, as a regional trail, needs to accommodate walkers, runners, wheelchair users, dog walkers, bicyclists, recumbent bicyclists, children on bikes to name a few. The trail needs to accommodate many types of users and provide enough space so that interaction between user types is safe and comfortable. As the City continues to grow and additional trail connections are made, trail usage will increase over time making space accommodation a key design consideration.

The desired width for both the sewer access and regional trail is twelve feet. However, the trail width for the Boeckman Creek Trail is not established yet and will be dependent on collection and assessment of the pre-design survey work. The trail width may be reduced for short sections to help avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive areas, habitat, wildlife, and water quality. Based on this information, potential sewer and trail alignments and widths will be assessed and presented to the community for input.

- When did city staff explore all alternative options to sewer maintenance vehicle sizes, path surface types, and bike path locations and present them to the community of Wilsonville asking for their preference?

*Staff Response:*

Design of the project is just getting underway and discussion of design details such as those listed above will be forthcoming. As stated in the Response to Neighborhood Petitions Memo dated May, 26, 2023 and the BCIT Neighborhood Open House Summary published on June 16, 2023, community stakeholders and adjacent owners and residents are invited to speak with the project team, review proposed designs, and submit feedback through the public engagement events planned at each design milestone for the project. Three milestone events are planned over the next year at different stages of the project, including pre-design, preliminary design, and advance design. Each milestone event will include greater design detail as the project moves toward final design and will include trail location, amenities, and supporting infrastructure for public review and comment. Adjacent property owners and residents are encouraged to contact and work directly with the project team to address specific design concerns.

- When were community members on the east side of Wilsonville consulted to help identify ways to help minimize disruption and destruction of the Boeckman Creek corridor while also providing a south to north bike connection and recreational value?

*Staff Response:*

A Neighborhood Open House for the project was held on May 25, 2023 and a summary of questions and responses published on June 16, 2023 to begin this type of discussion with the community. Additional conversation and input with community members on these types of concerns will continue as design progresses as part of the three planned milestone events discussed previously. These events provide an opportunity to see how the project team is addressing community concerns and provide further input as design is refined over the next year, prior to construction work starting.