

I-5 Delta Park Community Enhancement Fund

Advisory Board's Preliminary Funding Recommendations

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The primary purpose of this document is to convey the I-5 Delta Park Community Enhancement Advisory Board's preliminary recommendations for community enhancement projects.

Background

In 2002, the Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation, working closely with community and elected representatives in the Portland/Vancouver area, developed a transportation plan for the I-5 corridor between Portland and Vancouver known as the *I-5 Partnership Strategic Plan*. In addition to recommending a series of highway, transit and rail improvements in the I-5 corridor, the plan also recommended creation of a Community Enhancement Fund to benefit the communities affected by transportation projects on I-5.

The first project from the *I-5 Partnership Strategic Plan* to be developed was the I-5 Delta Park Project. This project will widen I-5 to three lanes southbound and improve access between Columbia Blvd and I-5. It was developed with considerable community input, and is in the final stages of the alternative selection and approval process. ODOT is required to mitigate any adverse impacts of the I-5 Delta Park freeway and interchange project. The Community Enhancement Fund provides additional opportunities to move beyond mitigation and achieve multiple transportation-related benefits in the project impact area. Based on the recommendation of Alternative 2 - Argyle on the Hill - as the locally preferred alternative, ODOT has set the Community Enhancement Fund at \$1,000,000.

A Community Enhancement Advisory Board of neighborhood and community representatives has guided the process of soliciting enhancement ideas from the community, screening proposed projects and recommending projects for funding. Following a three month solicitation period, thirteen community enhancement applications were received requesting almost \$3 million in proposed community enhancement projects. Three applications were determined to be ineligible for transportation funds and were not evaluated. The remaining ten applications were thoroughly reviewed by the Advisory Board. Their preliminary recommendations are set forth below.

Preliminary Recommendations

Projects listed below in Table 1 have been recommended by the Advisory Board for community enhancement funding. Please note that the projects are not listed in priority order and that these recommendations are preliminary.

A final list of projects, funding amounts, and likely timing of construction will be determined by the Advisory Board in the Fall of 2006. The projects recommended for funding and amounts allocated to each project may change based on additional review of project costs by ODOT and the City of Portland.

The Advisory Board and ODOT appreciate the incredible amount of work that community members put into their project applications and commend each applicant for their commitment to making the community a better place to live in.

Table 1: Preliminary Project Funding Recommendations

Project	Preliminary Amount	Funding Recommended For:
Neighborhood Tree Planting	\$65,000	Neighborhood tree plantings in the Kenton, Arbor Lodge, Overlook, Piedmont, Humboldt and Boise neighborhoods between N. Albina Avenue and Interstate Avenue.
Portland Blvd Bicycle Lanes	\$90,000	Bicycle facility improvements on Portland Blvd between Vancouver Avenue and Montana Avenue.
Bryant Street Pedestrian Overpass	\$50,000	Preliminary engineering to identify potential solutions to improve the safety of the overpass for pedestrians.
I-5/Killingsworth Overcrossing Improvements	\$200,000	Widening sidewalks, installing lighting and providing overpass screening on Killingsworth over I-5.
Columbia Slough Trail	\$460,000	Extension of the Columbia Slough Trail between Denver Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd.
Downtown Kenton	\$75,000	Traffic circle and other traffic calming on Denver Avenue in Kenton.
Peninsula Park Crosswalk	\$60,000	Crosswalk improvements on Portland Blvd. at Kerby Street to provide safer pedestrian access to Peninsula Park.

In addition to developing the funding recommendations in Table 1, the Advisory Board has the following additional comments and recommendations about the proposed community enhancement projects:

- **Bryant Street Overcrossing:** The Advisory Board recognizes the neighborhood's desire to make the Bryant Street bridge a safe and pleasing pedestrian crossing. The funds requested for this project are very likely not adequate to design and construct improvements to address the safety concerns associated with the bridge. The funds designated by the Advisory Board for this project are for preliminary engineering to determine the feasibility, cost and scope of renovations needed for the overpass.

- Denver Avenue Sidewalks: As a part of Phase II of the Delta Park project ODOT will construct sidewalk improvements along the west side of Denver Avenue between Schmeer Road and Victory Blvd. The Advisory Board recommends that ODOT and the City of Portland work together to design, fund and construct these sidewalks so that they are wide enough to accommodate street trees, pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The Advisory Board believes the west-side Denver Avenue sidewalk improvements are critical for the following reasons:
 - The sidewalks will provide pedestrian and bicycle connections from the Kenton neighborhood to park, trail, and transit facilities and Hayden Meadows businesses.
 - The sidewalks are an important part of the City's trail system connecting the Columbia Slough Trail with trail facilities in the Delta Park and Marine Drive vicinity.
 - The on-street bicycle lanes on this heavily traveled, high-speed, limited visibility street will serve experienced bicycle commuters but are inadequate for providing connections to the trail system, Portland International Raceway, etc. for families or casual recreational cyclists.

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Denver Avenue Sidewalks - See "Additional Recommendations"

Columbia Slough Trail: Extend trail from Denver Ave to MLK Blvd.

Downtown Kenton: Traffic Circle and Traffic Calming

Bryant St. Pedestrian Overpass: Preliminary engineering to address safety issues

Portland Blvd. Bicycle Access: Bicycle Improvements between Montana and Vancouver

Peninsula Park Crosswalk of Portland Blvd. at Kerby

Killingsworth Overcrossing Improvements: Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Lighting, Screening

Friends of Trees: 600 street trees planting focused between interstate and Albina Avenues, in the Kenton, Arbor Lodge, Piedmont, Boise, Humboldt and Overlook Neighborhood

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