

## MEETING SUMMARY- SOUTH COAST UMPQUA REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: June 26, 2018; 1:30 PM

Meeting location: Telephone only

Advisory Committee (AC) members present:

Keith Tymchuk \*

James Seeley\*

Coos County Commissioner John Sweet\*

David Kronsteiner\*

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice

Councilor James Auburn

\*Executive Committee members

Regional Solutions Team/Agency Representatives:

Alex Campbell, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Tawni Bean, Business Oregon

Guests:

Clark Schroeder, Curry County

Tony Baron, City of Brookings

Tracy Loomis, CCD Business Corp.

Alex reviewed the purpose of the meeting: to re-allocate ~\$170,000 from the last biennia's Regional Infrastructure Finance (RIF) monies due to the cancellation of the Humbug Mtn. Project. (See attached email.) Alex shared that Business Oregon has expressed concern about re-allocating any funds to new projects and recommended only considering allocations to the projects previously selected.

Commissioner Boice stated that he agreed that it was not appropriate to consider projects that weren't already vetted and approved through the selection process. He suggested using the funds to fill the full request amounts of the selected projects, and use the remainder to fund Whiskey Run.

Jim Seeley noted that the Whiskey Run Trail, they have learned, needs to be part of a larger attraction, a system or collection of trails with 100+ miles. Thirty miles are planned and designed, and the response to the initial phase has been great. Mountain bikers are devoted travelers and the project has excellent potential. Recruitment for trail crews could reach into north Curry County. \$170,000 would allow construction of approximately 5-7 miles of trail.

David Kronsteiner noted that the Whiskey Run project aligns best with the goals of economic development.

Jim Auburn noted his appreciation for the accessibility components of the Chetco Bar Trail project, but – that he also understood the preference to not look at new projects. There is a new business in Port Orford catering to mountain bikers, attesting to the economic impact of the Whiskey Run project.

Alex noted that the SWOCC project does have a complete funding plan, and that \$50,000 was not terribly significant in a project of that size. Perhaps the AC might consider providing full funding for the DFPA project, the Azalea Ball Fields project, and put the remainder towards another phase of Whiskey Run.

Commissioner Boice made a motion to take that option.

Keith clarified that there were multiple options.

1. Fully fund all 3 projects that were not fully funded.
2. Allocate all available funds to Whiskey Run.
3. Fully fund DFPA & Azalea, and dedicate \$90K to Whiskey Run.

There was no second for Commissioner Boice's motion at that time.

Commissioner Boice asked about the status of Azalea Ball fields project. Tony Baron replied that several project elements were trimmed due to the lower funding amount and that the City had used general funds to fill the rest of the shortfall. He also noted that complex already hosts one major tournament and they see a great opportunity to host 5-6 times as many, particularly in warm months.

Commissioner Sweet noted that Whiskey Run has been very well received, and suggested that the funds could be split four ways. Commissioner Boice noted that a 4-way split would result in less funding to Whiskey Run than his proposal.

Keith Tymcuk made a motion to re-allocate the available funds to fully fund the DFPA project and the Azalea Ball Fields project, with the remainder (about \$90K) to be made available to the Whiskey Run project. David Kronsteiner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed.

**From:** CAMPBELL Alex \* GOV

**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 11:24 AM

**To:** 'Chris Boice' <boice@co.douglas.or.us>; Commissioner Sue Gold <golds@co.curry.or.us>; dkronsteiner@westcoastcontractors.com; James Auburn jauborn@portorford.org <jauborn@portorford.org>; jseeley@wildriverscoastalliance.com; jsweet@co.coos.or.us; ktymchuk@reedsport.k12.or.us

**Subject:** FW: Background materials for Tuesday call

**From:** J Seeley Wild Rivers Coast [<mailto:jseeley@wildriverscoastalliance.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2018 4:04 PM

**To:** CAMPBELL Alex \* GOV <[Alex.CAMPBELL@oregon.gov](mailto:Alex.CAMPBELL@oregon.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Background materials for Tuesday call

Here is some additional information in support of the allocation to the Whiskey Run trail project. Please forward it to the other committee members. Thanks.

The proposed youth workforce project for Whiskey Run will meet the RS grant requirements by:

- Employing youth to build new trail - which completes the capital construction component of the proposal, and
- Providing professional development experience in outdoor recreation, which is a growing part of the economy.

The project will exceed the grant requirement by:

- Creating a standing youth trail corp, which TSOC and its partners plan to employ on future trail construction.
- The trails plan is part of a regional economic development strategy to bolster the outdoor recreation economy.
- It is designed to complement youth workforce development by creating and continually employing members of a youth trail corp.
- The regional trails plan has the support of the tourism community, Coos Co, and the cities of Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford, and other partners in Curry County.
- Whiskey Run is a cornerstone of the trails plan. based on the Regional Solutions funding, we were able to secure an additional \$25,000 from SOWIB that we used for local youth work crew development, and that SOWIB and SCBEC were able to field a successful crew.

Therefore, the highest and best use of these funds is to use them to create a locally managed youth trail corps to build another 5 miles of Whiskey Run. This will tie together youth employment and training to tourism development.

We plan on prioritizing trails in Curry County in the near future - and want to collaboratively plan with the county.

Potential Issues with Curry Co project selection in the short term include:

- Trails prioritized in the regional trails plan have to go through the planning process.
- Before proposing the reallocation to Whiskey Run, we researched potential sites in Curry County.
- It is doubtful that they could be developed this year, and without an extensive planning process.

In addition:

- The RS funds spent on Whiskey Run were successfully implemented. For the recently completed Whiskey Run project, the county used NW Youth Corp to manage youth workers.
- Results indicate that a locally managed corps will be a better long term opportunity for partners implementing future trails projects throughout the region.

Path Forward

- TSOC, and other trails partners, would like to implement youth work corps and trail building projects in Curry County in the near future.
- We see Commissioner Gold's involvement as an opportunity to queue up a new project that aligns with the regional trails plan, and employs and trains local youth
- Youth from Curry County can still be selected to work on the Whiskey Run project, should the committee agree to reallocate those funds. - ensuring that Curry Co benefits from this project in the short-term
- The stakeholders working on Whiskey Run have mature, proven relationships. Once the model for a locally managed youth trail corps is cemented, TSOC will work with Regional Solutions, and Curry County to find funding opportunities for trail building through the youth trail corps in Curry County.
- We highly recommend that a thorough planning process be finalized for a specific trail system before capital construction funds are invested. This requires a minimum 1 year timeline.

If necessary, I think it would be reasonable to suggest allocating \$25k of the \$170k to maintain the waterline trail in Humbug that we discussed at the event. Parks is saying that would qualify as major rehab and therefore be eligible under this grant. However, the RS committee would have to agree. Also, it's not a perfect solution because that trail will be superseded by a new, parallel trail once the OCT plan is updated.

In other words, Curry County will benefit in the long term if we can use these funds to build a trail corps that will be successful, and can be employed in future projects in Curry Co. Whiskey Run is the best chance of that happening soon. We're looking at these funds as an investment in both youth workforce development, and the outdoor recreation economy. We want to tie into Curry County and see this as an opportunity for a high level of collaboration with Commissioner Gold.

**Jim Seeley**

*Executive Director / Wild Rivers Coast Alliance*

**From:** CAMPBELL Alex \* GOV

**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2018 2:53 PM

**To:** 'Chris Boice' <boice@co.douglas.or.us>; Commissioner Sue Gold <golds@co.curry.or.us>; dkronsteiner@westcoastcontractors.com; James Auborn jauborn@portorford.org <jauborn@portorford.org>; jseeley@wildriverscoastalliance.com; jsweet@co.coos.or.us; ktymchuk@reedsport.k12.or.us

**Cc:** BEAN Tawni \* BIZ <Tawni.Bean@oregon.gov>

**Subject:** Background materials for Tuesday call

Dear Advisory Committee members-

I look forward to our discussion next Tuesday. (You should already have a calendar invite from me for 1:30 to 2:30 PM, June 26, Conference Bridge: 877 848-7030; Password: 5495754.)

We have one item to discuss: Re-allocation of Regional Infrastructure Finance project dollars from the prior biennium. The original allocation of the last round of RIF funds for youth work experience projects was as listed below. (You may remember that the City of Brookings Ball Fields project, the DFPA project, and the SWOCC project were all funded at below their requests.)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Amount approved</u>
Azalea Ball Fields	City of Brookings	\$166,300
Coos MTB trail	Coos Co/NWYC	\$50,320
Humbug OCT Gap	C. Gold Beach/ WRCMBC	\$171,485
DFPA HQ	Doug Co/DFPA	\$225,145
Health Sci Tech Bldg	SWOCC	\$206,750

The Humbug Mtn/Oregon Coast Trail Gap project cannot move forward. My initial thought was to shift that funding to a second phase of the Coos MTB Trail (Whiskey Run). (The first phase of work is just wrapping up now and crews and agreements could potentially be extended rather than re-starting anew if this decision were made quickly.) As I had preliminary discussions with committee members about possible ways to move forward, Commissioner Gold requested that the Committee consider replacing the Humbug Mtn project with another project in Curry County. At that point it became clear to me that we needed to have an Advisory Committee meeting and I agreed to allow Coos County to see if there was a project ready to go to construction this year and was a good fit. City of Brookings is requesting \$70,000 to contribute to a Chetco Point Trail project, with a commitment to use youth workers on the project. (Some detail on the project is provided below.)

There are, of course, numerous ways you all could proceed. I see several obvious options:

1. Transfer the full \$171,485 to Phase 2 of the Whiskey Run project
2. Create a new grant agreement for \$70,000 for the Chetco Point trail project; transfer the balance of remaining funds to the Whiskey Run project
3. Offer to restore full funding at the requested level for the Brookings Ball Fields project & DFPA project (total cost ~\$80,000); transfer the balance to the Whiskey Run Project.

(Inviting a new round of applicants is an option for the Advisory Committee, but I don't believe that makes the most sense for several reasons. First, it will result in a further delay of putting these monies to the use intended. Second, it would require quite a bit of process for a relatively small amount of money.)

I understand that the regional balance of distribution of these funds is of interest to the committee. For your information, the total allocation of funds among the three counties (including all of the projects funded) under those the three scenarios would be:

	Curry	Coos	Douglas
Original allocation	\$337,785	\$257,070	\$225,145
1 Move all to Whiskey Run	\$166,300	\$428,555	\$225,145
2 Spilt to Chetco Pt & Whiskey	\$236,300	\$358,555	\$225,145
3 Fully fund orig req & Whiskey	\$201,000	\$346,900	\$272,100

FORWARDED MESSAGE

**From:** Tony Baron [<mailto:abaron@brookings.or.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** CAMPBELL Alex \* GOV <[Alex.CAMPBELL@oregon.gov](mailto:Alex.CAMPBELL@oregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** Chetco Point Trail Project

Again, thank you for this opportunity to fund a significant project in Brookings. I have attached a project description of the Chetco Point Trail project.

The most recent work completed was the design of an elevated boardwalk that in essence will make the trail accessible to people who have never had the opportunity to experience the Pacific Ocean from the magnificent vista points at Chetco Point Park. The trail has traditionally been quite a hike with limited access. The boardwalk design is currently under review by a specialty contractor with expertise in these types of structures. Their initial review indicated we may be nearly \$70,000 short on funding to complete this portion of the project.

I propose to you that any funding available through Regional Solutions will be earmarked specifically for this project in order to ensure its completion. I am available upon request to make any presentations if needed.

Regards

**Anthony Baron**  
Parks & Planning Manager



City of Brookings

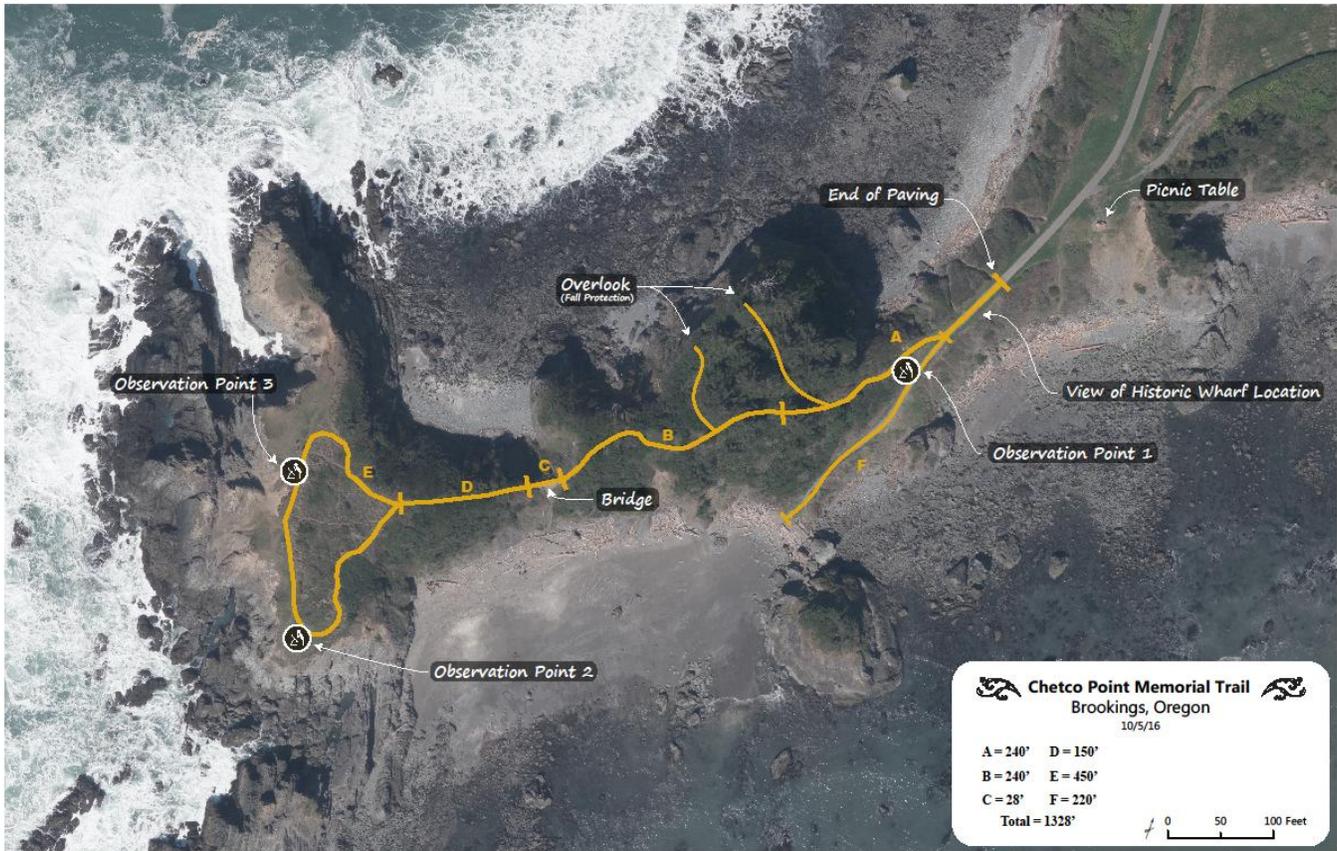
# Chetco Point Memorial Trail

## Project Overview

The memorial trail project would include widening much of the existing 1328 lf trail to between 5 and 6 feet wide, resurfacing the trail with gravel, reconstructing an existing foot bridge to make it wider, install 4 ft fences along the trail and at identified overlooks that provide fall protection and handrails. In addition, the proposed project will include three observation points along the trail that provide an opportunity for resting, taking in the magnificent vistas as well as an opportunity to provide interpretive signage accounting the rich history of Chetco Point.

Attached you will find a report including photo's describing all of the elements of the project, a map of the project and a first glance estimate on what the project might cost. As I mentioned previously there may be elements of the project that go beyond maintenance of an existing trail and could require design and construction to ADA standards.

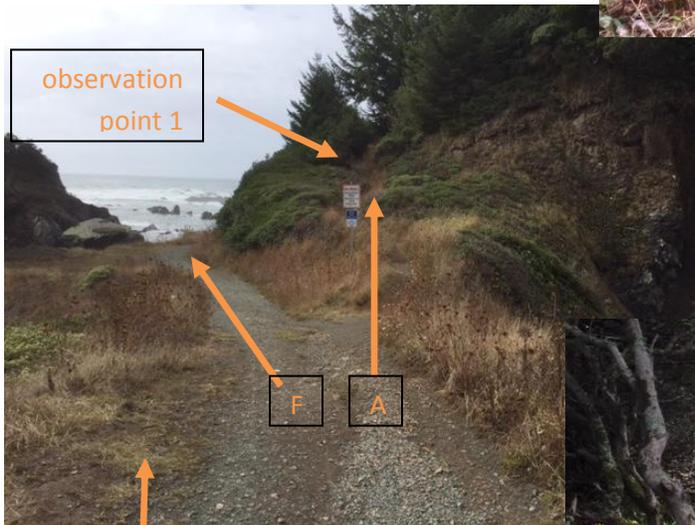
## Site Map



## Segment A

This segment of trail is 240 lf from the end of the existing asphalt path to the base of a spruce tree shown in the photo below. 150 lf of this segment has a steep incline and represents the most challenging segment of the overall trail. We propose to widen the path to the north, resurface with a gravel base and build a 4ft fence on the south side that will double as fall protection as well as provide a location to install a hand rail. We are also proposing to construct an 8x12 observation deck at the midpoint of this segment on the south side of the trail to serve as a resting point and interpretive area used to describes the history of the old wharf that existed in the early 1900's. A memorial trail dedication plaque will be inserted into a large bolder placed at the beginning of the new trail (end of the existing paved trail)

An alternate design to address the steep incline of this segment of the trail would be to build a 320ft long raised 6 ft wide boardwalk walking surface structure out of pressure treated wood that at its highest point will be approximately 8-12 ft above the lowest point (dip) of the existing trail. A structure of this kind will be required to meet ADA where as widening a gravel surfaced path would not as it is considered maintenance of an existing trail.



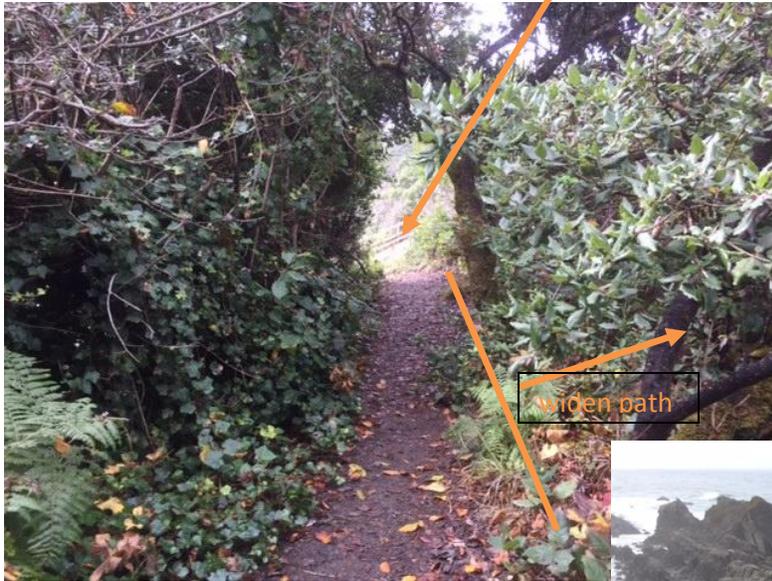
memorial trail dedication plaque



## Segment B

This segment of trail is 240 lf from the spruce tree to the existing foot bridge of which nearly sixty percent of this trail segment is currently 5-6 ft wide. We propose to widen the remaining portion of the path to the north, resurface with a gravel base and build 80 lf of 4ft fence on both the north the south side near the foot bridge that will double as fall protection as well as provide a location to install hand rails.

foot bridge beyond



widen path

Chetco Beach



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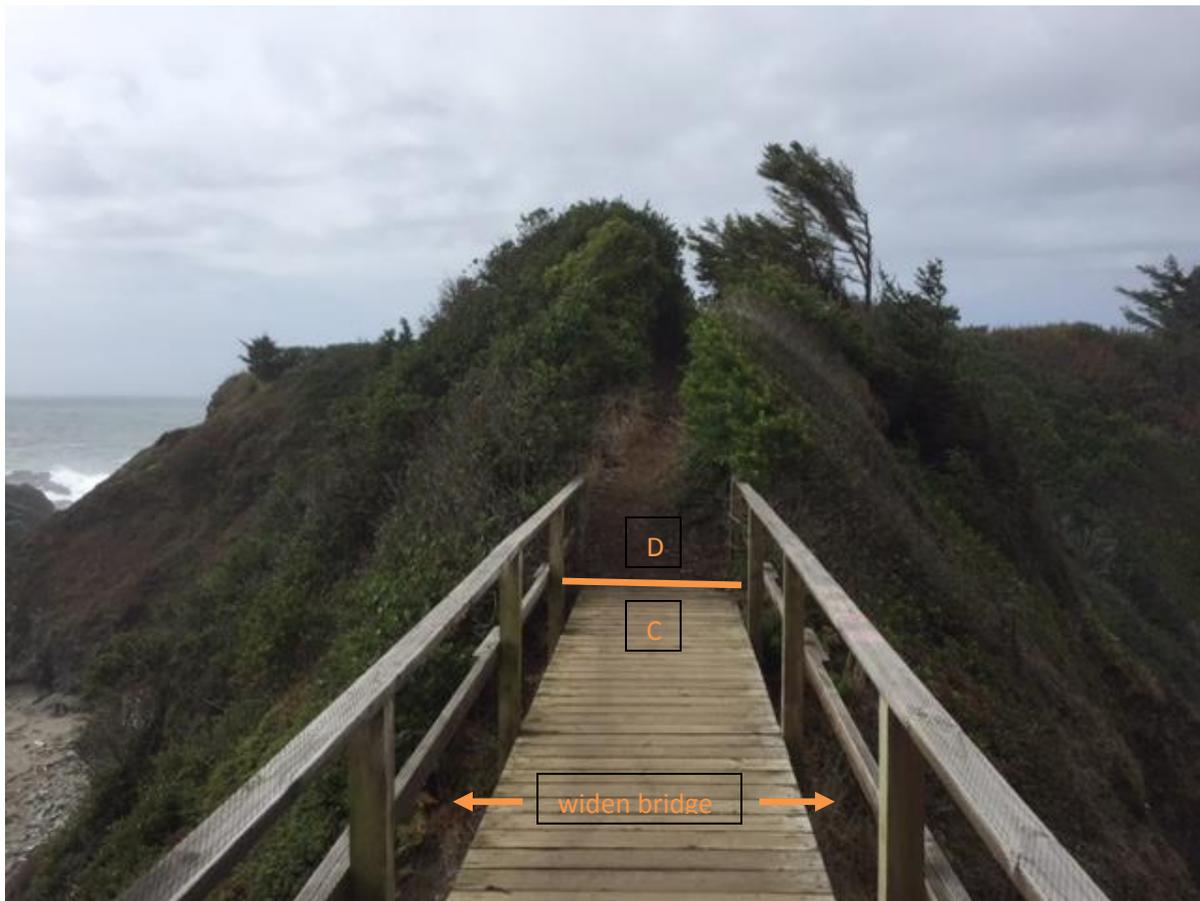
fence



widen path

### Segment C

The existing foot bridge is 4ft wide and 28ft long. We propose to rebuild the bridge and widen it to a minimum of 6ft wide complete with fall protection handrails. The bridge will be constructed to support the weight of a small utility vehicles and equipment needed to maintain the trail and overlooks beyond this point (Segments D & E)



**Segment D**

This segment of trail from the existing foot bridge to Chetco Point is 150 lf of which nearly forty percent of the path is currently 5ft wide. We propose to widen the remaining portion of the path to 5ft, resurface with gravel, add 40 lf of fencing to south and north side, near the foot bridge, for fall protection and grab rails.



**Segment E**

This segment of trail is 450 lf looping around Chetco Point. The existing section is quite narrow but room to expand the path to 5ft. We propose to widen the trail to 5ft, resurface with gravel and add two observation points. These observation points will include one or two benches at each, as well as interpretive signage.



Observation Point 2



Observation Point 3



**Segment F**

This segment of trail is 220 lf and extends to Chetco Beach. Approximately seventy five percent of the trail is 5ft to 8ft wide. We propose to widen the remaining portions of the trail to a minimum of 5ft wide, add a gravel base and pave with asphalt. In addition we propose to excavate a relatively small portion of the path at the end in order to create a gentle grade to the beach.



memorial trail  
dedication plaque

Chetco Beach



widen

excavate and re grade



widen

**City of Brookings**  
**Chetco Point Memorial Trail**

October 5 2016

<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Unit Cost</i>	<i>Item Cost</i>
Rebuild/Widen Existing Bridge - to 6ft	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Observation/Resting Platform (Segment A)	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
Observation Areas (Segment E) w/benches	2	LS	\$1,600.00	\$3,200
Interpretive Areas (Segments A & E)	3	LS	\$500.00	\$1,500
Cable Railing	340	LF	\$24.00	\$8,160
Gravel Base	75	YDS	\$15.00	\$1,125
Asphalt Paving (Segments A)	800	SF	\$3.00	\$2,400
Asphalt Paving (Segments B,C,&E)	3400	SF	\$6.00	\$20,400
Signage (included memorial dedication plaque)	1	LS	\$2,800.00	\$2,800
Contract labor & equipment for path widening and gravel surfacing	20	Days	\$1,000.00	\$20,000
Total (option a)				<u>\$94,585</u>
<u>Option B (Segment A)</u>				
Wood Framed Boardwalk	1920	SF	\$70.00	\$134,400
Land Surveying	1	LS	\$1,800.00	\$1,800
Geotechnical Engineering	1	LS	\$13,000.00	\$13,000
Civil Engineering (soil & erosion control plan - drainage plan)	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000
Structural Engineering (boardwalk structure and foundation)	1	LS	\$6,500.00	\$6,500
Total (option b)				<u>\$159,700</u>
Total (with option b)				<b>\$254,285</b>

See Note in report regarding ADA requirements