



Boeckman Sewer Interceptor & Trail Project Community Open House

August 17, 2023 – Question Summary

Neighbor Open House Date: August 17, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Wilsonville City Hall City Council Chambers

The following is a list of common questions received during the Boeckman Creek Sewer Interceptor & Trail Open House on August 17, 2023. If there are any questions raised by attendees not included in this summary, please reach out to project manager, Andrew Barrett by phone at (503) 570-1567 or by email at abarrett@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

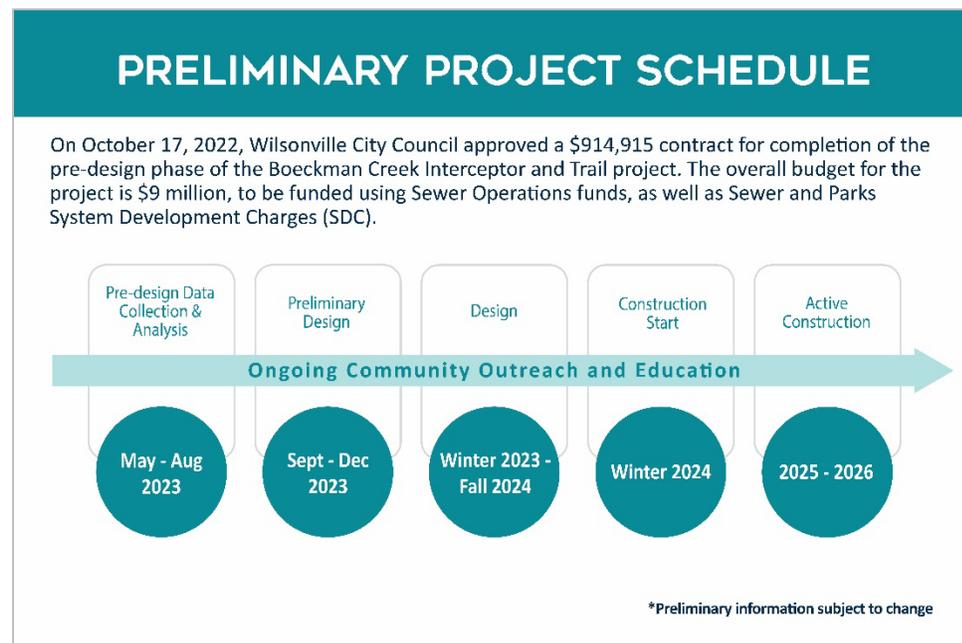
PROJECT OVERVIEW: SCOPE, SCHEDULE, MILESTONES AND UPDATES

What is the scope of the project?

The Boeckman Creek Interceptor and Trail Design project is a long-envisioned project that combines two capital projects into one. The project's purpose is to increase the City's sewer capacity to support future development, provide equipment access to clean and maintain sewer pipes, and add a regional trail link that connects Wilsonville neighborhoods with Memorial Park and the I-5 Undercrossing Trail to Boones Ferry Park and the Ice Age Tonquin Trail.

What is the current project timeline and phases for the project?

The preliminary project schedule and phases are below. The project schedule is an estimate only and will be updated as the work progresses and project milestone dates need adjusting.



PRE-DESIGN DATA COLLECTION AND SURVEYING

Why was surveying being done?

Surveying work and field studies are being performed to help inform design of the sewer interceptor pipeline and the trail/maintenance access. This work includes documenting elevations and slopes of natural features and performing a tree inventory, wetland delineation, and geotechnical analysis of the Boeckman Creek corridor. This data is needed as a basis to help make design decisions and inform community input on the sewer and trail design.

What does tree tagging mean?

Tree tagging, or flagging, is used by the field crews as markers to indicate the location of their work areas and notable features, establish survey reference points, and identify where to collect data. Trees are “tagged” with a small metal disk with an ID number, which references to a tree inventory document that includes tree species, size, location, and condition. The tree ID number is also included on the design drawings for each tree location and helps the project team know where to protect significant trees. The ID tags placed on each tree help the contractor verify which trees to remove and which to protect, helping to avoid accidental impacts to significant trees during the construction work.

You need to notify neighbors in advance of survey work. How are you doing this?

Community members will be notified in advance of any additional field work within the Boeckman Creek corridor via the project website, e-newsletter, and text alerts.

- Sign up for the project e-newsletter
- Sign up to get traffic impact alerts on your mobile phone:
text INTERCEPTOR to 866-935-0125 (Standard data and messaging rates apply)

SEWER, ACCESS ROAD, AND TRAIL PROJECT DESIGN

What is the route of the trail? How closely will it follow the sewer pipeline?

The trail route under consideration roughly parallels Boeckman Creek from Memorial Park to Boeckman Road. Generally, the maintenance equipment needs to be located within 10 feet of the sewer pipeline manholes and points of access. Final location and trail amenities will be determined as the project’s design phase progresses.

Why does the City need such a wide access road and trail?

The road/trail will be serving two purposes. It will accommodate the service equipment and maintenance vehicles necessary to clean and inspect the pipeline and accommodate bikes, walkers, runners, and wheelchairs as part of the regional trail system. Designing a wider road/trail will ensure safe and comfortable usage for both sewer maintenance and regional trail users.

Trail maintenance is a concern. There already are blackberries and brambles. The trail must be maintained. How will the City do this?

Maintenance of the Boeckman Creek Trail will follow the same standard maintenance protocol as all other Wilsonville parks and trail systems. Design details such as inclusion and location of garbage

receptacles into the project will be determined as design of the project progresses and further input from interested community members is received through upcoming public engagement opportunities.

What will the trail look like? What amenities will be included in the trail? Will there be trail signage and markers, so people don't get lost?

The project is still in the preliminary design phase. The trail design and amenities have not been determined yet. The project team will be engaging with the community at upcoming events on the types of amenities and design details to incorporate into the project.

How does this connect with the Boeckman Road "Dip" project?

The two projects are separate capital projects for the City. The Boeckman Road Corridor brings the road up to urban standards and makes the road safer and easier for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians to use. The Boeckman Interceptor and Trail project increases sewer capacity and access and provides a link to the regional trail system. The two project teams will collaborate to gain efficiency in areas where the two projects intersect.

The crossing of Wilsonville Road is not safe. How will the City handle that?

Improving the safety for people crossing Wilsonville Road is a priority for the City. While specifics for trail design have not been determined yet, providing safe crossing of Wilsonville Road is a priority and will be incorporated into the trail design.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

What security measures will you be implementing for the trail?

The project team will be meeting with emergency services providers and incorporate their feedback as the project moves through design. The trail is subject to the same rules and monitoring as all other trails that currently exist within Wilsonville. Off street trails are subject to Wilsonville Park Rules, which can be found at <https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/park-rules>.

As part of upcoming community meetings over the next year, the project team will share proposed security measures being incorporated into design and invite community input to enhance the trail design.

There is an issue already with people speeding through the neighborhoods. Road traffic is a concern. How will you prevent this? How will this be policed?

The project team will be meeting with emergency services providers, including the Wilsonville Police Department, and incorporate their feedback into the project. Neighbors are encouraged to reach out to the project team with any specific traffic impact concerns associated with the project.

Neighbors with general concerns about speeding and traffic safety can also submit their concern online using the [Traffic Concern Form](#).

What are the standards of use for the trail?

The City will follow the same rules and monitoring that are followed for other trails that currently exist within Wilsonville. Off-street trails are subject to Wilsonville Park Rules, which can be found at <https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/park-rules>. Park rules are posted at Memorial Park and Murase Plaza. Additional signage locations will be considered as the project moves through design.

How will the City protect the natural area from fire due to smoking and fireworks on the trail? Will the project include water connections for the fire department?

The project team will be meeting with emergency services providers, including Tualatin Valley Fire District, and incorporate their feedback into the project. The City will consider installation of water connections with the project at the request of the fire district.

FENCING

Will there be fencing or something to protect neighbors' safety and privacy?

Construction of a permanent fence between the City property and private property along the entire project length is not anticipated as part of the project. However, the project team will be considering potential fencing options or privacy barriers at specific locations. The use of fencing will be determined based on public feedback, protection of natural resources, potential for trespass, movement of wildlife, and other considerations identified during project design.

Can homeowners put up a fence?

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 to schedule a consultation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITAT

What does the city plan to do to reduce impacts on wildlife?

Wilsonville is at the forefront of incorporating design for movement of wildlife through an urban landscape and is regarded by the region as a leader in maintaining habitat connectivity within local wildlife corridors.

The City has been monitoring wildlife movement through the Boeckman Creek corridor over the last couple of years. To ensure wildlife movement and protect habitat, the City will utilize this baseline wildlife data along with the wildlife monitoring and design accommodations incorporated into previous projects, including the Boeckman and Barber Bridges and Kinsman Road at the Coffee Lake Creek Wetlands.

What is a wetland?

Wetlands are areas where water covers the soil or is present either at, or near, the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season. Wetlands have a unique ecosystem and provide habitat for plants and animals. They also play a critical role in flood protection, water quality, and erosion control.

What is the City planning to do to protect wetlands?

The City is having experts perform fieldwork, known as wetland delineation, to determine the boundaries and characteristics of any wetlands. This information will be used to determine any wetlands boundaries and recommendations for any protective measures.

Natural space/wildlife habitat needs to be protected. How will the City address this?

Impacts to Wilsonville’s natural environment are a key consideration in the design of the project. As part of the pre-design process the project team is performing a tree inventory, wetland delineation, and geotechnical analysis of the Boeckman Creek corridor. This information will be used during design to help reduce impacts to significant trees, vegetation, water quality, wildlife, and slope stability with the goal to seamlessly integrate the sewer pipeline and trail into the natural environment.

The City has been monitoring wildlife movement through the Boeckman Creek corridor over the last couple of years. This information will be used by the project team to incorporate wildlife design considerations into the project. This work, along with the removal of invasive plant species and habitat restoration planned with this project as well as the Boeckman Bridge construction and associated stream restoration will improve wildlife movement and habitat within the Boeckman Creek corridor as compared to its current condition.

Additionally, the maintenance access/trail will allow the City to manage invasive plant species more effectively within the Boeckman Creek corridor moving forward, ensuring wildlife habitat continues to remain healthy and diverse. Upon completion of construction, the City will continue to monitor the movement of wildlife through the corridor and will be able to adjust where impacts are identified.

ACCESS POINTS

Where are the current planned utility access points to the trail?

Utility access points for the trail will be located at Boeckman Road and Memorial Park. Additional utility access locations will be assessed by the project team after pre-design data collection and analysis is completed, during the design phase of the project. The project team will share potential utility and trail access locations with the community for input at upcoming public meetings over the next year.