

Center Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project

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Topics

- Project overview.
- Project schedule.
- Provide updates on:
 - Public Outreach
 - Park Impacts
 - Traffic Impacts
- Agreement highlights.
- Questions.

Project Overview – Scope



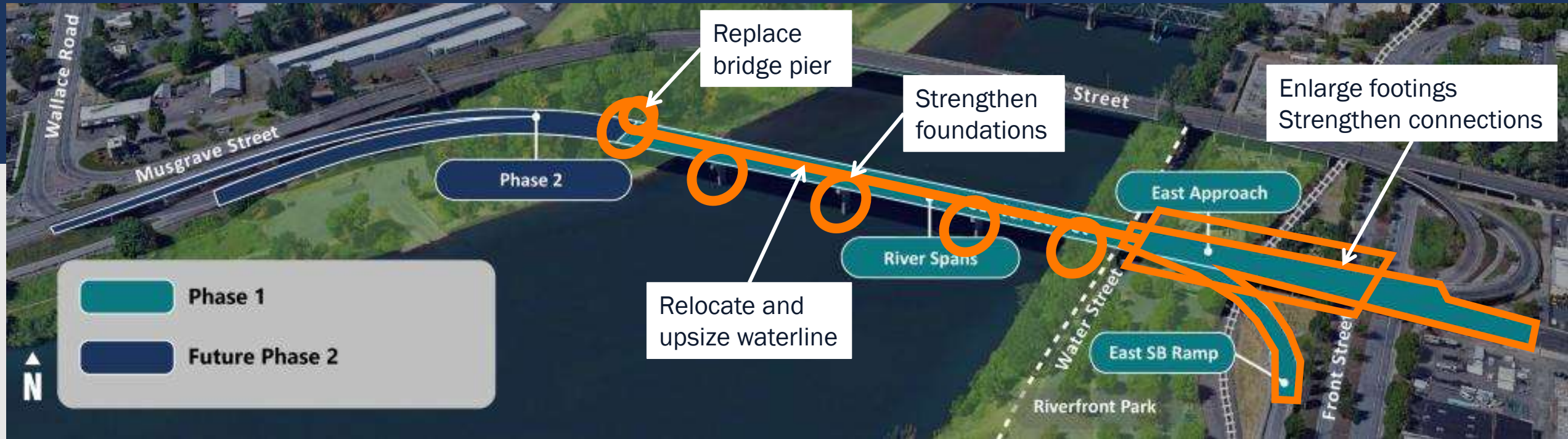
Phase 1

- Retrofit river spans and east approach and southbound ramp.
- City waterline.
- Emergency response plan.
- Phase 2 study.
- Phase 1 has been fully funded by the OTC, separate from the Transportation Bill

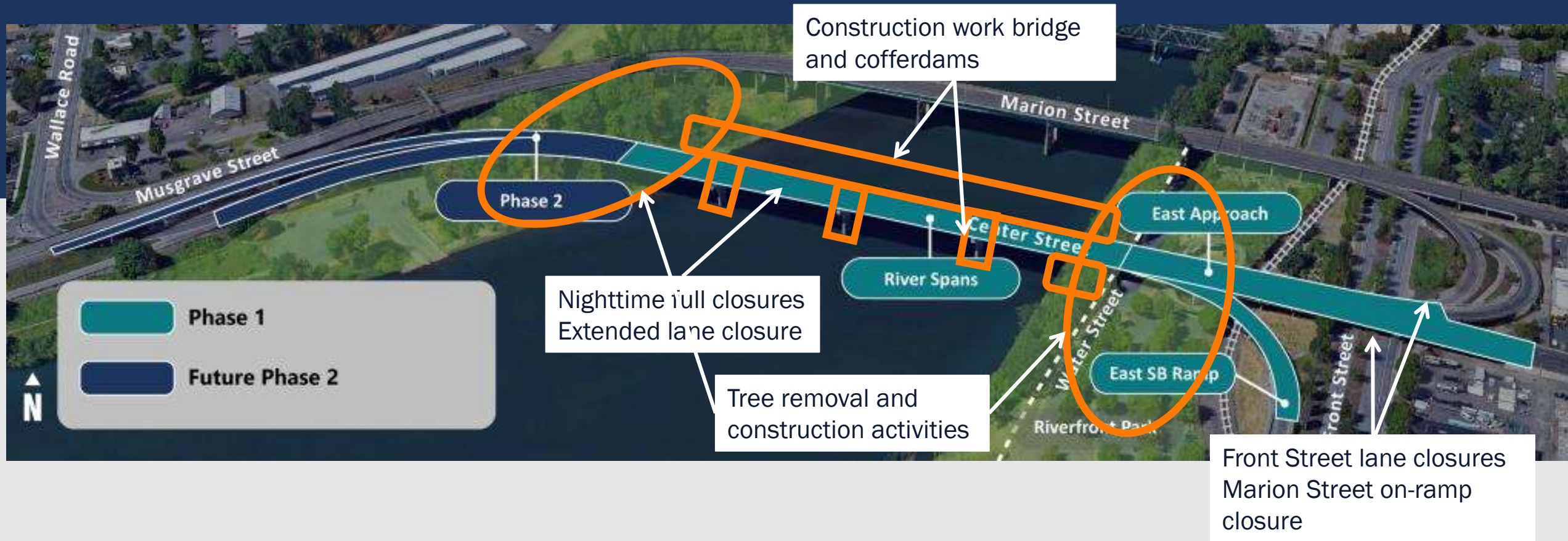
Phase 2

- Replace a portion of the west approaches.
- Timing depends on funding.
- Impacts on west side similar.

Project Overview – Phase 1



Anticipated Impacts



Construction Schedule



2026 – Waterline relocation, work platforms from Wallace, cofferdams.

2027 – Start east side bridge construction. Continue in-water activities.

2028 – Continue east side construction. Waterline upgrade on bridge.

2029 – Finish pier retrofits. Finish east side work.

2030 – Remove work bridge. Finish landscaping. Reconstructing parking lot.

** Based on working assumptions. Actual construction will vary. **

Public Outreach Summary

- February through November 2025, the Project Team conducted focused outreach to the Salem community.
- Over 550 parties signed up on the Interested Parties List
- Conducted door-to-door canvassing resulting in over 300 contacts
- More than 50 presentations including Neighborhood associations, Salem Health, Salem-Keizer School District, the Gilbert House, Willamette Valley Communications Center, and the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB)

Public Outreach Summary

- In-person and Online Open House
- An online comment form was open from late February until mid-April to collect feedback on project impacts. There were 120 comment forms completed. The top 5 comment areas were:
 - No comment (49)
 - Traffic Impacts (35)
 - Third Bridge (14)
 - Project Support (8)
 - Park access impacts (7)

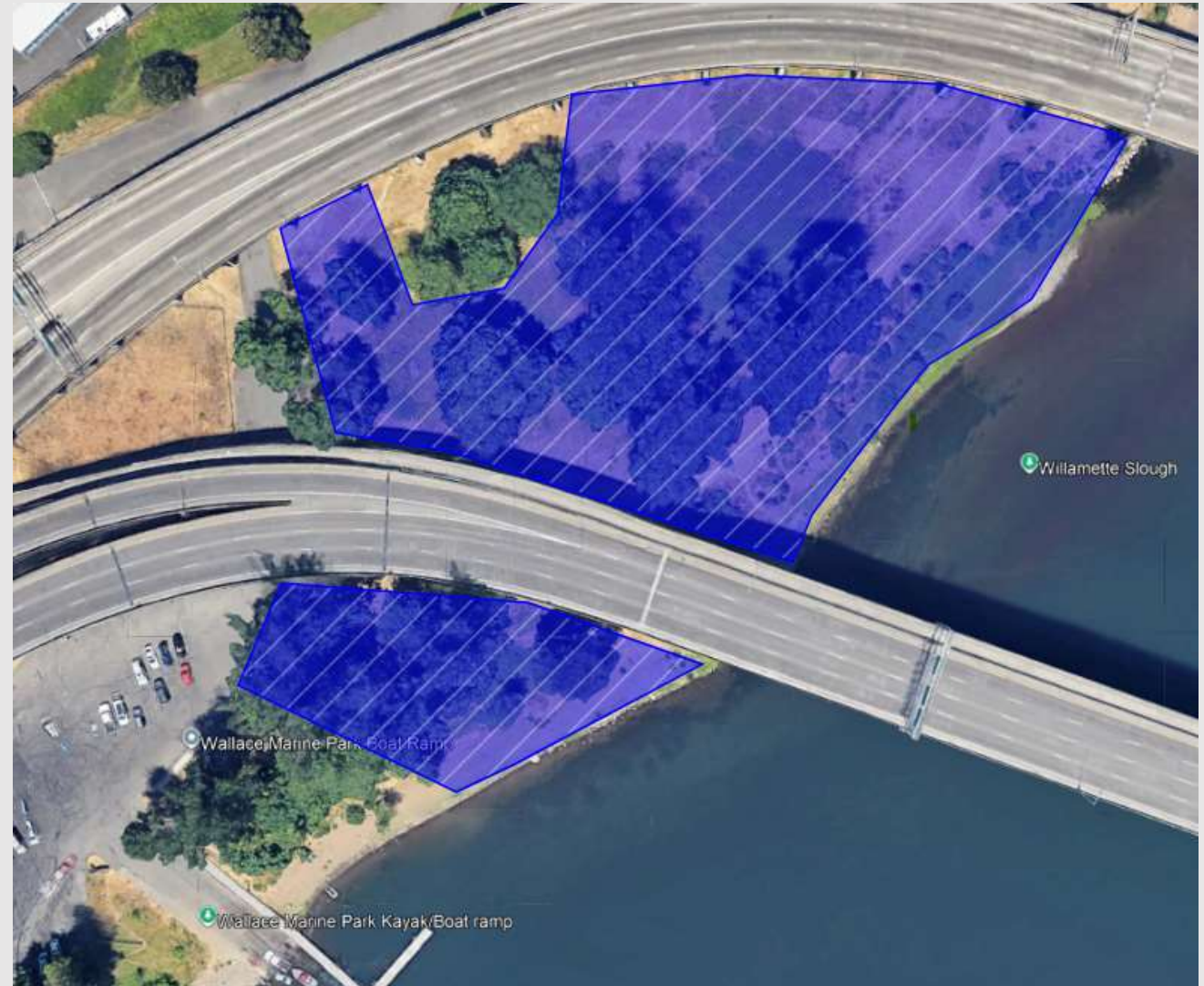
Park Impacts – Riverfront Park / Water St

- Approximately 90 parking spaces available
- ODOT and City identified nearby temporary parking spaces Project will reconstruct parking lot
- Loud activities will be suspended during the four largest park events
- One lane of Water Street will remain open. Temporary parking loss under Center St Bridge



Park Impacts – Wallace Marine Park

- Construction areas used for approximately 3 years
- Periodic use of boat ramp to deliver materials and equipment
- Maintain access to park and boat ramp



Tree Impacts

- 120 trees City-owned trees will be removed
- Worked with City to minimize impacts and protect trees
- ODOT and City completed valuation and appraisal of the trees through the right-of-way process
- Trees will be replanted per City requirements at the completion of construction

Traffic Impacts

- OR22 Lane Closures
- Nighttime Closures
- Front St (OR99E) Impacts

OR22 Lane Closures

- Dual Lane Closures 24/7 for up to 3 months in each stage shown below
- Single lane closure on the southern most lane during drilled shaft construction



Full Closures

- Up to 4 nighttime weekend full closures, up to 6 hours each
 - One lane on Marion St bridge will be closed for normal traffic and used for emergency vehicles
 - Signed detours will be south on OR99W to OR34
- Up to 20 short term (15-minute max) full closures on Center St Bridge for bridge bearing work at night
 - Emergency vehicles will be accommodated

Front St (OR99E) Impacts

- Lane Closures on OR99E – Front St NB to Marion St Bridge On ramp for up to 3 months
- Lane Restrictions on OR99 E – Front St SB for up to 3 months (limited to 16-ft width)
- Communication protocols in place with WVCC for construction

Center Street: Next Steps

- Secure permits
- Signed PS&E December 2025
- Bid Opening February 2026
- Start construction Spring 2026

City Coordination

Two years of negotiations between City staff and ODOT



**Protecting natural
resources and
tree canopy**

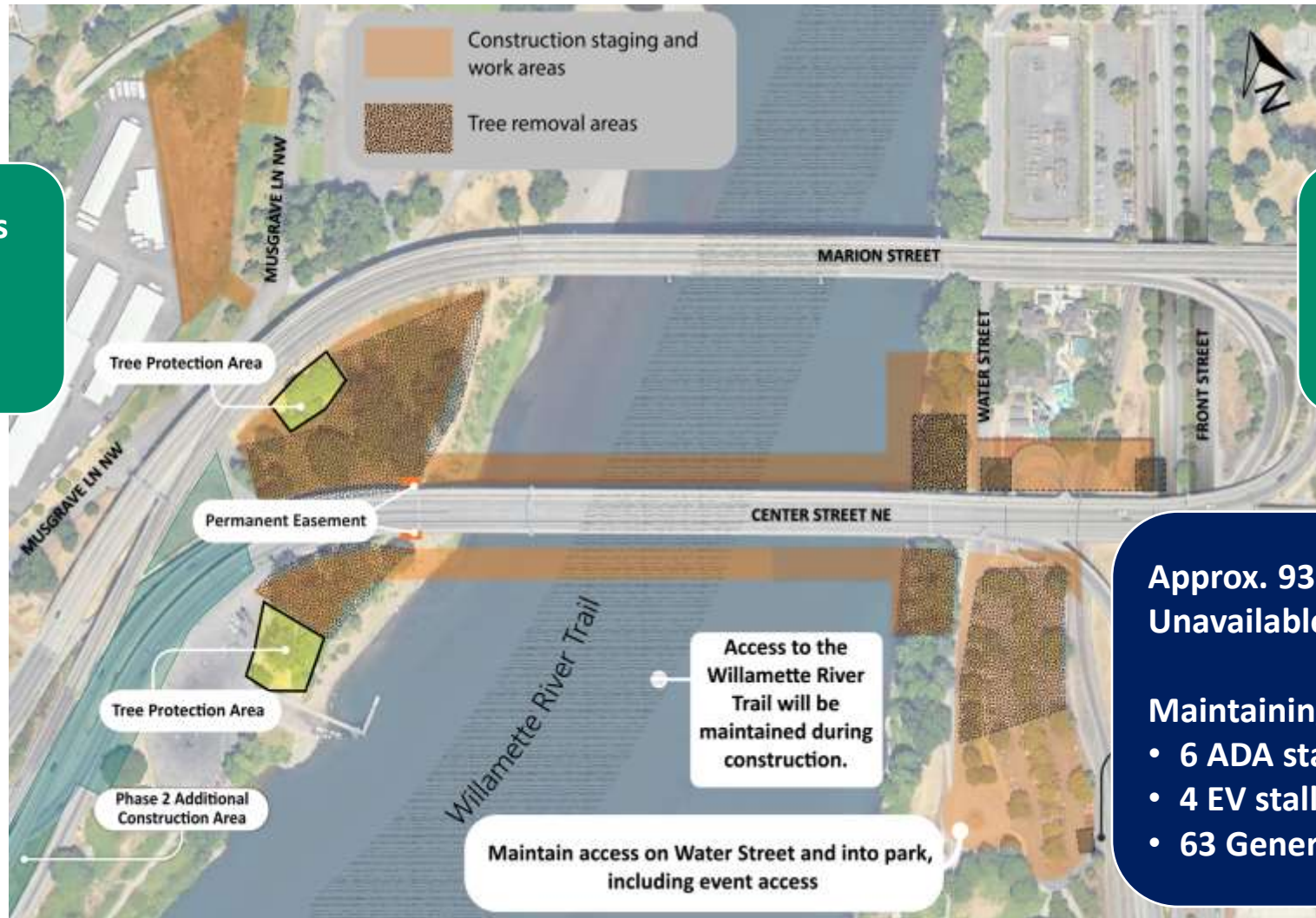
**Minimizing
impacts to park
users and events**

**Ensuring fair
mitigation and
compensation**

Park & Tree Impacts



54 City-owned trees removed from the west side the Willamette River



66 City-owned trees removed from the east side the Willamette River

Approx. 93 Stalls Unavailable

Maintaining at least:

- 6 ADA stalls
- 4 EV stalls
- 63 General Parking Stalls

Agreement Highlights

Riverfront Park



Temporary Easements

Replanting: Full replanting commitment plus compensation for appraised tree value

Parking Lot Reconstruction:

- Full rebuild to current standards
- New stormwater treatment
- Improvements allowing replanted parking lot trees to thrive



Agreement Highlights

Wallace Marine Park



Temporary Easements

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ODOT Mitigation and Support



Park Ambassadors & Shuttle:

ODOT funds staff ambassadors during large events

- \$38,400 in total, funding for 4 years

Shuttle to offsite parking provided for large Riverfront events

- \$60,000 in total, funding for 4 years

Parking Compensation:

Reimbursement for lost permit/meter revenue

Free event parking at Marion Parkade during major events

- \$372,440 in total compensation

Tree Value Compensation:

Monetary compensation for loss of removed trees based on appraisal

- \$663,000 in total

Monetary credit for replanting of trees and soil cells

- \$(397,200) credit to ODOT

Additional Benefits



**Lease Extension: Wallace Marine Park
Boat Ramp Parking**



Infrastructure Upgrades: City waterline

Waterline and Fiber Optic Utilities Agreement

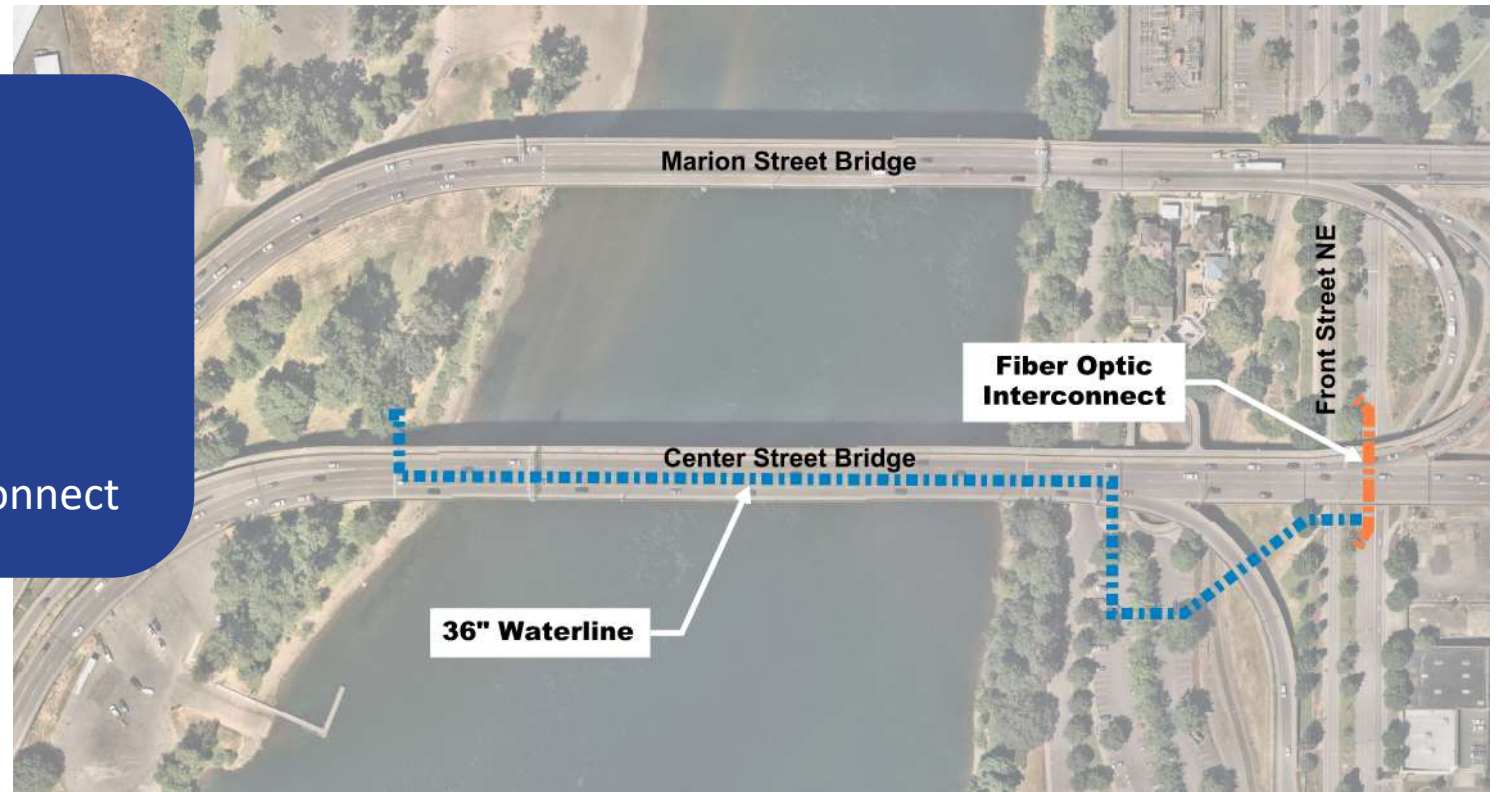


Cooperative Improvement Agreement:

Executed June 2025

\$7 Million

- \$6.9 Million for Waterline
- \$100,000 for Fiber Optic Interconnect



Cooperative Improvement Agreement Amendment



Original Payment Schedule:

\$524,800 for Design

\$6,475,200 at Construction Contract Bid

\$7,000,000 Total

Revised Payment Schedule:

\$524,800 for Design

\$1,300,000 for Early Materials Procurement

\$5,175,200 at Construction Contract Bid

\$7,000,000 Total



Staff Recommendation



**Authorize City Manager to execute
Cooperative Improvement Agreement
and Amendment**



**Cooperative
Improvement
Agreement for Center St
Bridge Project**



**Amendment to
Cooperative
Improvement
Agreement for
Waterline**

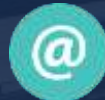
Questions?



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