

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 6/24/14 **Approx Start Time:** 3:30 p.m. **Approx Length:** 30 min

Presentation Title: Oak Grove Boulevard Boat Ramp

Department: Transportation & Development and Business & Community Services

Presenters: Barbara Cartmill, Director, Transportation & Development (DTD);
Gary Barth, Director, Business & Community Services (NCPRD); and
Kevin Layng, Chief Deputy, Clackamas Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

Other Invitees: Nate Boderman, Legal Counsel

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Direction regarding whether to close the Oak Grove Boulevard boat ramp or maintain public access through maintenance and security measures.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 1, 2013, a local news affiliate aired a story on the “dumping” of cars in the Willamette River from the Oak Grove Blvd. boat ramp. In response to the story, the BCC approved staff posting a notification to the public of the pending closure of the county road right-of-way (ROW) and permanent barrier installation at the west end of Oak Grove Boulevard to prohibit vehicle access effective December 1, 2013.

When the notification was posted, there was public response in favor of retaining vehicle access to the Willamette River from Oak Grove Boulevard. In response, at a November 5, 2013 study session, the Board reviewed options other than closure, including installation of a guardrail in front of the deepest section.

Since then, more public input has been received from people asking that the ramp remain accessible in its current configuration. Staff has met twice with the community in meetings facilitated by the Oak Grove CPO to examine options and community needs.

After considering all options and the needs and wishes of the public, staff proposes the following:

- DTD installs an automatic gate and no longer provide maintenance in the right-of-way.
- Through an intergovernmental agreement, NCPRD assumes maintenance responsibilities for the area between the gate and the river (brush trimming, snag removal, etc.), excluding ramp care.
- NCPRD monitors to ensure the gate is opened one hour before sunrise and is closed one hour after sunset.
- CCSO continues to monitor the area and cite parking violations, and has a dive team perform a base line count of any vehicles in the Willamette River in proximity of the boat ramp and dive again in one year to determine if the gate has been effective in deterring vehicle dumping.

The community created the boat ramp; the community is responsible for the actual boat ramp and understands that neither NCPRD nor any division within Clackamas County accepts any responsibility for the ramp.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. The estimated one-time cost to DTD to install an automatic gate to partially restrict access is estimated to be \$10,000 to \$12,000.
2. The cost for NCPRD to maintain the area and monitor the gate is estimated to be \$2,000 per year.
3. There will be no additional costs to the CCSO because diving inspection and citation sweeps are part of routine services provided in the area.
4. The one-time cost to install a barricade to fully restrict vehicular access is estimated to be \$2,500.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has been briefed on the proposal and recommended an intergovernmental agreement as the appropriate mechanism to meet the goals and objectives of keeping the Oak Grove Blvd. boat ramp available to the public.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION

Two public discussions have taken place with community representatives, facilitated through the Oak Grove CPO. Those attending generally agreed to retain some form of gated access to the river and support the need for some authority to manage the gate.

OPTIONS

1. Direct DTD and NCPRD to enter into an IGA whereby DTD provides a gate and NCPRD takes responsibility for maintenance and monitoring at the Oak Grove Blvd. boat ramp.
2. Take no action and allow current use to continue.
3. Proceed with road closure to limit vehicular access.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff believes the community interests as well as those of the county can be met through option number one.

ATTACHMENTS

- Estimate for automatic gate
- Site pictures

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval A. B. Cartmill 6-12-14

County Administrator Approval _____

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Cartmill, Barbara

Subject: Oak Grove Boat Ramp

From: Kok, Jeroen
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 12:47 PM
To: Barth, Gary; Cartmill, Barbara; Cayson, Kevin
Cc: Rogalin, Ellen; Schmidt, Gary; Heider, Tim
Subject: RE: Oak Grove Boat Ramp

Barb & Gary,

Kevin was able to solicit a bid for the electrical work that would be required for the automated gate at the Oak Grove Boat Ramp. The good (great) news is that it is significantly less than the over-the-phone price we were initially quoted. The total would be \$3,402. PGE would need to approve of the design, and DTD would also need to approve it (it would require another power pole being placed in the road right-of-way). Additionally, depending on site conditions encountered during construction (i.e., large buried rocks), the actual install cost may be slightly higher.

So, based on the estimates we have in hand, the cost to install an automated gate system would be in the neighborhood \$10,000, with annual site maintenance costs in the \$2,200 range.

Let me know if you need anything else from us in order to decide how to undertake the project.

Jeroen

