

PROPOSED TEMPORARY PROJECT USES AT MCLEAN HOUSE AND WEST BRIDGE PARKS

Construction for the I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project requires the temporary use of the McLean House and Park (an area not used for events) and West Bridge Park, for construction access, equipment and work activities. ODOT would restore these areas following construction, and the public would regain access. Temporary trail access for the public would be maintained through the project area during construction.

These proposed uses of park land require a vote on ballot measures outlined on the backside of this fact sheet. The graphic below illustrates the areas that would be used during construction, if the measures pass.

ABOUT THE I-205 WIDENING & SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The project addresses congestion and traveler safety issues on a seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213. ODOT will add a third lane in each direction and upgrade the Abernethy Bridge and eight other I-205 bridges in the project area to withstand a major earthquake.

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Proposed Temporary Uses During Construction:

If the measures pass, these areas would be used for construction access to widen and seismically retrofit the existing I-205 Abernethy Bridge. ODOT would restore these areas after construction to their original condition or better, for public use.



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Proposed Opportunity for Improved Park Access:

If the measures pass, ODOT would use the existing path leading to the bridge for construction worker access. There may be an opportunity to improve public access to the park under the bridge when construction is completed.

ABOUT MEASURE 3-543 & 3-544

Chapter XI, Section 46 of the West Linn Charter states that "only facilities directly necessary for the use of the park or open space shall be considered authorized." Therefore, to comply with the Charter there must be a public vote to determine if the parks could be temporarily used to construct the proposed road improvements along I-205, and specifically the Abernethy Bridge. Measure 3-543, if passed, would address the temporary use of McLean House and Park. Measure 3-544, if passed, would address the temporary use of West Bridge Park.

These are not funding measures. If the measures do not pass, there would be no cost to taxpayers.

More detailed information, including the formal ballot language, is available on the website.

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If Measure 3-543 passes, it would allow ODOT to temporarily occupy a portion of the McLean House and Park (an area not used for events) during construction. If Measure 3-544 passes, it would allow ODOT to temporarily occupy a portion of West Bridge Park during construction.

If the measures do not pass, ODOT would not have temporary construction access.



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