

## Memorandum

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To: Chris Jordan, City Manager

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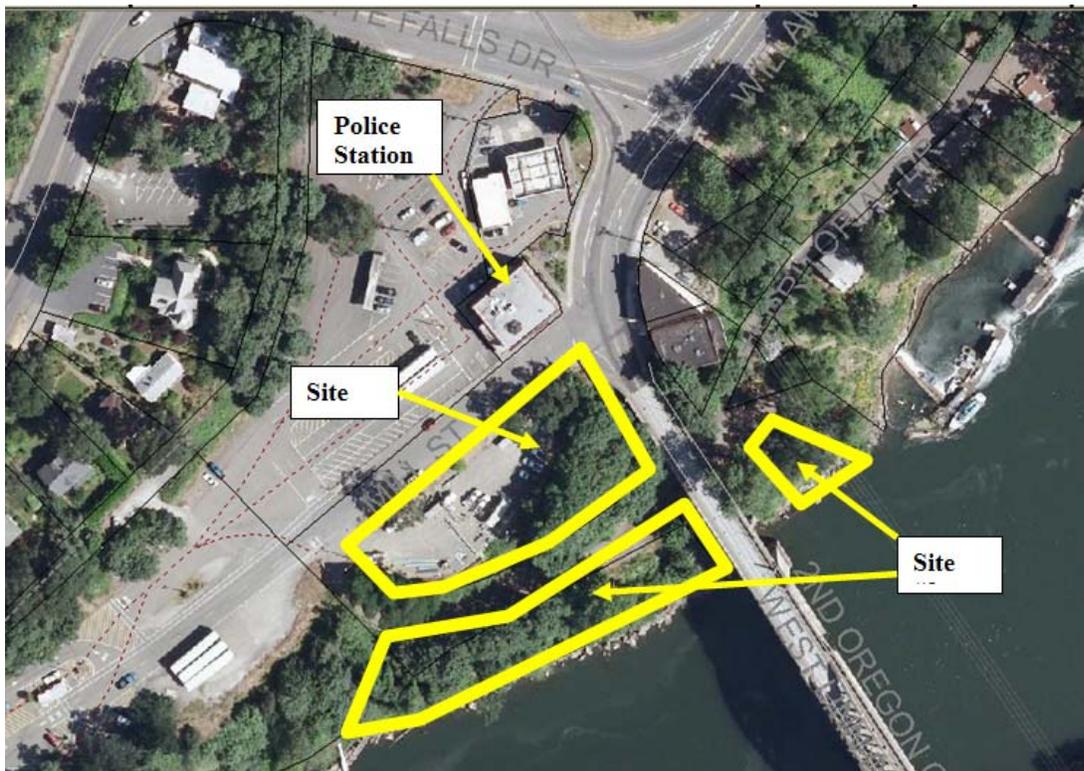
Subject: One-year temporary permit for storage of material and equipment to be used by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the refurbishment and reinforcement of the Oregon City-West Linn Bridge.

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### Purpose

The deteriorated structure and cladding of the West Linn-Oregon City Bridge requires that ODOT undertake a two-year project to restore and reinforce it. The form and size of the bridge will remain the same.

ODOT requires two staging areas for the project where they can accommodate trailers for the administration and supervision of the project as well as store building materials, equipment and vehicles. To accommodate the staging areas, a one-year temporary permit is required from City Council per CDC Section 35.030(C). Because it is a two year project, ODOT will re-apply for another one-year temporary permit from City Council in a year's time.



### **Background**

According to the applicant's submittal, there are concerns about the structural and architectural integrity of the 87 year old bridge linking West Linn and Oregon City. The surfaces are showing signs of cracking, loss of material and discoloration. Also the load capacity is restricted to 14 tons. No commercial vehicles are permitted.

ODOT is undertaking a two-year project to restore and reinforce the Oregon City-West Linn Bridge. The form and size of the bridge will remain the same. Most of the work entails replacement of aging concrete and shotcrete, which currently covers the steel structural elements of the bridge. Improved railings, pedestrian facilities, roadway surface and possible replacement of weakened steel components on bridge are also main elements of the project.

To undertake this project will require the establishment of areas for material and equipment storage, trailer sites and parking. The applicant proposes to use two parcels totaling 1.3 acres which are owned by the West Linn Paper Products Company. The parcels are generally at the northwest end of the bridge between the police station and the river.

Temporary permits are required for construction related storage. Temporary permits for periods of six to a maximum of 12 months are issued by the City Council if the applicant has shown that the project is eligible and meets the approval criterion.

No other agency has commented on this proposal and no public comments have been received.

### **Other Issues**

1. Construction traffic may impede access to homes on Territorial Drive.
2. Construction noise is unavoidable and allowed from Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and on the weekends from 9am to 5pm.
3. Parking will be on Mill Street, in the staging areas themselves and in Oregon City. The total parking requirement is to accommodate 30 workers.
4. Disturbance of riparian/shoreline areas.
5. Because it is a two-year project, with an estimated completion date of March 31, 2013, ODOT will be re-applying for another one-year temporary permit from City Council.

### **Options**

1. Approve the one-year temporary use permit.
2. Deny the one-year temporary use permit.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the temporary use permit.