

Community Update Meeting on the Portland Metro Levee System

hosted by Peninsula Drainage District #1, Peninsula Drainage District #2, Multnomah County Drainage District, and Sandy Drainage Improvement Company with guests from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District

ZOOM CHAT TRANSCRIPT

- 17:30:02 From Peter Wilcox: if you can wait a little bit, several people have called me asking to get in so are reregistering to get a new link.
- 17:30:06 From Tom Hickey: Will this recording be available for public sharing?
- 17:30:31 From Kearns & West: Yes
- 17:35:35 From Kathy Kershner: it has been hard to get in with no password!!!!!!!!!!
- 17:45:07 From Tom Hickey: Which of the original options meet the new FEMA standards for flood insurance certification?
- 17:54:26 From Tom Hickey: I think we all agree to the need for vigilance, maintenance and improvements to protect against future risk. We'd like to know which option has been selected and how it will affect our lives and property.
- 18:01:28 From Tom Hickey: Since you had your presentations and discussions behind closed doors all year long, we DO NOT feel listened to, or heard. We feel betrayed by this process.
- 18:01:31 From SHARON-DREW MORGEN: I can't see where there is additional neighborhood input. I've been told you folks have 'refused' to give us data we've asked for, and aren't listening to us re the choices being offered. Most of us are very very unhappy about the possibilities we've been given.
- 18:01:58 From JT Kraai: How much community support do you need to move forward?
- 18:02:02 From SHARON-DREW MORGEN: name: Sharon-Drew Morgen - houseboat owner
- 18:02:31 From Wayne Huber: Wayne Huber: If this is not addressed later, what level of protection (e.g., 500-yr) is currently and planned to be provided?
- 18:05:04 From mark luecht: What role did the recent Amazon warehouse construction have on this process?
- 18:10:18 From Bob Sallinger: I am surprised to not see any topic area pertaining to environmental justice and equity. This was a major concern of many conservation and environmental justice groups.
- 18:14:28 From Tom Hickey: Can you specify details regarding the remaining HTRW site? location? type of contamination?
- 18:17:40 From Bob Sallinger: How about green infrastructure approaches?
- 18:25:33 From Tom Hickey: How does 38' downstream at Pen1 mean to Pen2? is that 38' as well?
- 18:25:40 From Mike Wells: Remind us how does the 38 feet height compare to Vanport flood? 1996 flood?
- 18:25:46 From Tom Hickey: Or is there a taper uphill?
- 18:28:49 From mark luecht: Potential flooding in this micro-region will be a result of the greater Columbia River flooding - what has the Army Corp of Engineers learned from the results of their previous flood outcomes in New Orleans, etc and have they consulted with the unique approaches Netherlands are taking in water infringement and flooding? Thank you.

18:30:26 From Tom Hickey: We have an longitudinal section of elevations along Bridgeton Road but no idea of the current height on the unpaved levee west of the road - in the NW corner of Pen2 in front of condos and apartments. What is current height along that section?

18:31:18 From Bob Sallinger: How many trees are scheduled for removal at the railroad embankment.

18:31:54 From Mike Wells: Is the Pen 1 railroad embankment where the Vanport flood breached?

18:34:29 From JT Kraai: Are the closure structures hydraulic or manual?

18:34:50 From Jacob Zahniser: Will you be working with property owners on size of closure structures to access their property?

18:38:29 From Tom Hickey: Will the road drop back down at those two floodwall sections?

18:39:56 From Tom Hickey: Which alternative north-to-south (1-6) will you propose for the floodwalls?

18:40:50 From Tom Hickey: Why is the road-raise indicated as approx. one foot, but the flood wall indicated as 2 feet?

18:41:26 From Bill Coffman: I think this is really impressive. You've really listened to us, I think.

18:41:31 From JT Kraai: That grass is about 3' tall btw. :-)

18:44:23 From Bob Sallinger: Is it possible to design it so that trees can be planted on the levee

18:45:16 From Tom Hickey: Given the amount of excavation for the sheet wall foundation to support a flood wall, how does cost compare between raising the road and the floodwall?

18:46:08 From Erik Molander: There is significantly less work in the refined plan. How much less will it cost?

18:46:10 From Pete Grillo: This appears to be really good news. Raising the road is much less invasive than adding a wall in front of our houses

18:46:11 From Wayne Huber: Wayne Huber: lowering level of protection from 40 to 38 hints at strong emphasis on reducing cost. How much will safety be compromised by reliance on early warning and non-structural alternatives?

18:46:33 From Bill Coffman: No apology needed. This has been very thorough.

18:46:47 From Bob Sallinger: Is anybody actually seeing these questions? I have put in several but none have been conveyed in this presentation or the last.

18:47:00 From Bill Coffman: and to the point.

18:47:34 From Erik Molander: The closure structures will require additional easements. Does the USACE pay for this or is this negotiation the responsibility of MCDD?

18:49:17 From Jacob Zahniser: What about the size of the structures (measured in linear feet) Will you be working with property owners to ensure that the closure structures between floodwalls are wide enough to allow access for current industrial use?

18:49:23 From Tom Hickey: Will the raised road also raise the parking in the overbuild?

18:50:22 From Tom Hickey: And will the design include sidewalks on the south side?

18:50:44 From Wayne Huber: Wayne Huber: would still like to know level of protection in terms of return period.

18:51:06 From Bill Coffman: Ryan, you were great.

18:53:33 From Taya MacLean: When you move into the pre-engineering and design phase, would you anticipate all of the projects going out to bid for engineering services at the same time? And would the Corps manage these as a single project or as multiple projects?

18:54:24 From Wayne Huber: Wayne Huber: would this project be part of a WRDA appropriation? Or separate funding?

18:56:24 From Bill Coffman: BTW we're all muted, right? Don't want all my asides to be public.

18:57:08 From JT Kraai: Thank you so much... very informative!! Need to run to a 7:00.

19:00:10 From Bob Sallinger: There was nothing in this entire presentation about natural resources or environmental justice...

19:00:44 From Erik Molander: With the significant investment in the stability and height of the levee, will FEMA insurance costs go down?

19:00:47 From Bob Sallinger: Why were these issues not included in this presentation?

19:02:39 From Bob Sallinger: How are they addressing issues related to the FEMA Floodplan Biological Opinion in terms of mitigating for impacts to listed salmonids?

19:02:56 From Peter Wilcox: Thank you

19:03:33 From Bill Coffman: That's a nice thing you do "over"

19:04:14 From Heather S Flint Chatto: Thank you!