

Technical Report Summary: Parks and Recreation

This summarizes the key findings of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* detailed in the *EQRB Parks and Recreation Technical Report*.

Affected Environment

The study area is limited to parks permanently or temporarily impacted by each alternative. Park and recreational resources in this area include Willamette River recreation, the Willamette River Greenway Trail, the Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade (including the Kevin J. Duckworth Memorial Dock), Governor Tom McCall Waterfront Park (Waterfront Park), Ankeny Plaza, and the Burnside Skatepark.

Mitigation

Mitigation strategies for parks and recreational resources are summarized below:

- Enhanced Retrofit – Find an alternate location for the Burnside Skatepark.
- Short-Span, Long-Span, and Couch Extension Alternatives – Coordinate with the City of Portland to ensure the finished design of the new space under the bridge meets City design and maintenance preferences. Coordinate with City of Portland to identify appropriate detour routes for trails.

Impacts from Construction Traffic Management



Without a Temporary Bridge

This alternative would reduce construction time by 1.5 to 2 years, therefore reducing the time for impacts to parks.



With a Temporary Bridge

A temporary bridge would add 1.5 to 2 years to construction which would create longer closures to parks and recreation resources as outlined in the table above.

More information on this topic is available in the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* and in the *EQRB Parks and Recreation Technical Report*.

More information

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Impacts from the Bridge Alternatives



No-Build Alternative

No potential impacts have been identified under the No-Build Alternative.



Impacts Common to all Build Alternatives

All build alternatives include a new ADA-accessible ramp on the south side of the Eastbank Esplanade. The ramp construction could potentially remove more than a dozen trees in the area. The project team is considering replacing the stairs and adding an elevator as an alternative.

Most of the impacts to parks and recreational resources would occur during construction. The areas expected to be impacted during construction are listed below in the table. Many events occur in Waterfront Park and use the Willamette River Greenway Trail and Eastbank Esplanade on a recurring basis, including prominent events such as the Portland Rose Festival, Fleet Week, Portland Brewers Festival, walking and running events, and Portland Saturday Market. Many of these events and activities could not occur within the construction areas for the durations described in the table.

Site Name	Address
Portland Gas Works (East Portland Gas Works, East Side Gas Works)	110 SE 2nd Ave, 5 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Gas Holder Tank Site (Former)	5 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Town Storage property LLC (Pacific Iron Works)	17 SE 3rd Ave
North Waterfront Park	100-500 NW Front Ave
PDC Block 8L Downtown Waterfront	60 NW Davis St
Old Town Parking/Helishop Structure	33 NW Davis St
Block 15 – Former Portland Gas Manufacturing Site	121 NW Everett St
Portland Gas Manufacturing Site	Bounded by NW Everett, Glisan, 2nd Ave, and the Willamette River
Portland Harbor Superfund Site	Willamette River



Enhanced Seismic Retrofit Alternative

This is the only build alternative that would require removal of the Burnside Skatepark.



Replacement Alternative with Short-Span Approach

There would be three fewer pier locations within Waterfront Park, compared with the Retrofit Alternative, which would provide more usable park space. This alternative would require less frequent and extensive long term maintenance and would have fewer noise and access effects on parks and recreation resources in the study area.



Replacement Alternative with Long-Span Approach

This alternative would have the same impacts as the Short-Span Alternative with the following differences: there would be fewer bridge supports in Waterfront Park providing more space; it would remove an in-water pier along the Eastbank Esplanade and the shore creating more space; and would result in greater potential for negative or positive visual impact due to tall above-deck structure.



Replacement Alternative with Couch Extension

This alternative would have the same impacts as the Short-Span Alternative except that there would be two structures passing over the Eastbank Esplanade. The number of piers near the Eastbank Esplanade would be the same as with the Retrofit and Short Span Alternatives.