



Fact Sheet

Delta Ponds Bridge Project

A new elevated bicycle and pedestrian path and bridge will improve connections to Eugene's riverbank trail system and create local jobs. The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on February 27, 2009, approved a \$2.25 million Federal Highway Administration transportation enhancement (TE) grant to construct a 1,000-foot-long elevated pedestrian-bicycle path over the Delta Ponds and Delta Highway. The funding was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment stimulus package.



Renditions of how Delta Ponds Bridge will look when completed



This project will connect the well-used Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail in the Valley River area to the Cal Young neighborhood in north Eugene. The \$6.2 million project is scheduled to be bid in June and be under construction this summer, providing an estimated 85 construction jobs. Additional funding for the Delta Ponds Bridge project includes \$3.6 million in other federal transportation funds. Local funds will be used to meet matching requirements and fund the balance of the project cost.

The project removes a major east-west bicycle barrier at the heart of the greater Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. With this grade-separated path and bridge span, bicyclists will enjoy a continuous bikeway from River Road, through Willagillespie, Cal Young and Coburg Road neighborhoods, across I-5 and into the Gateway area of Springfield. In addition, the bicycle path is an integral component of a joint project with the Corps of Engineers to enhance and restore the ecosystem of the Delta Ponds natural resource area. The bicycle path will encourage users to visit and enjoy the natural resource area, and simultaneously minimize their impact on the natural areas.

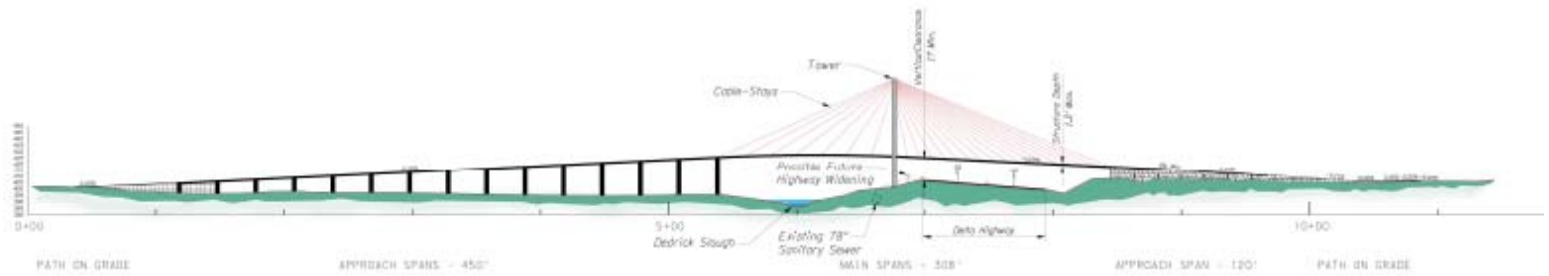
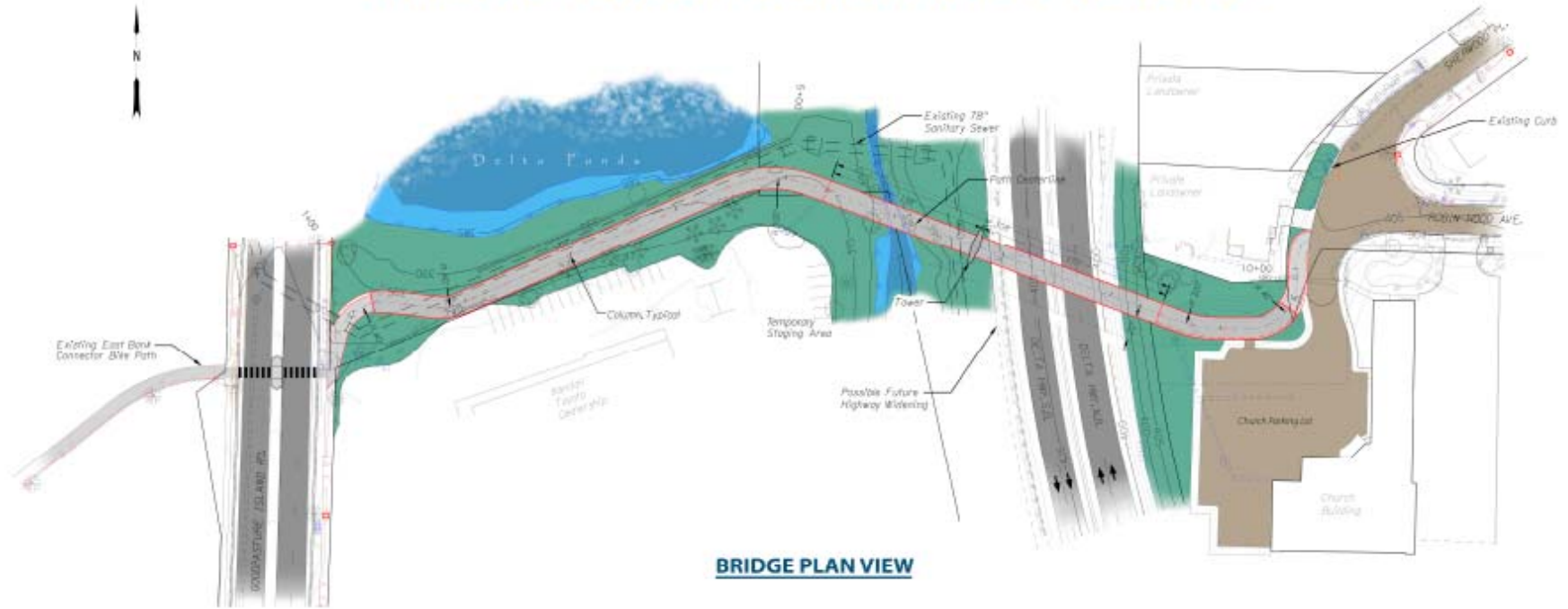
For more specific details of the grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian path with a 340-foot-long, cable-stay bridge span over the Delta Highway, connecting Robin Hood Road on the east to Goodpasture Island Road on the west, see the drawing on the reverse side of this fact sheet..

The TE grant was awarded under a provision of the federal stimulus act that requires a portion of the funds be set aside for the transportation enhancement program. This program is restricted to certain types of projects including bicycle/pedestrian facilities and a few other unique types of transportation related projects. This project has been in planning and design for years and is designated as a federal aid project through an existing agreement with ODOT. The project is "shovel ready" in that its environmental documentation has been completed and is consistent with adopted plans and policies including TransPlan and the City's Parks Recreation and Open Space Project and Priority Plan.

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DELTA PONDS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



CABLE STAY BRIDGE