

Tolt River Corridor Draft Capital Investment Strategy Public Meeting Summary

December 12th, 2016

Sponsored by King County Flood Control District

In Attendance

39 Community Members

Plus:

King County Flood Control District (FCD): Board Supervisor, Kathy Lambert

Mayor of Carnation, Jim Berger

City of Carnation Councilmembers, Kim Lisk and Lee Grumman

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) staff: Janne Kaje, Chase Barton, Sally King, Teresa Lewis, Mary Maier, Beth leDoux, Todd Hurley, Mary Fee

Kellogg Consulting: Tamie Kellogg, Facilitator, and Linda Glasier, Notetaker

Goals

1. Provide an update on the draft Tolt River Corridor planning process
2. Share information on existing conditions, problem areas, and the draft Tolt River Capital Investment Strategy
3. Get community feedback on existing conditions, problem areas, and the draft Tolt River Corridor Investment Strategy proposed projects and sequencing

Process

The 2 ½ hour meeting included:

- Open House before and after the presentation for the public to ask questions and discuss issues one on one with DNRP staff
- Slideshow presentation and two question and answer sessions with attendees
- Documentation of community feedback to be shared with the FCD

The agenda and process for the evening were briefly reviewed. Community members were informed that the meeting summary would be shared with the FCD and posted on the project website.

Introductions

The FCD Supervisor Kathy Lambert thanked the community members for attending. She highlighted the history of the FCD and provided a short recap of the FCD's budget. She let attendees know that the FCD wants community input on concerns and project prioritization for the Tolt River Corridor Capital Investment Strategy. She shared that Michelle Clark is the new Executive Director of the FCD and recognized elected officials and King County staff in attendance.

Chase Barton, Interim Supervising Engineering, and Sally King, Project Manager, DNRP, presented and discussed the draft Tolt River Corridor planning process and draft Capital Investment Strategy with two breaks for questions and comments.

Common themes from the community

Residents expressed support for:

- Problem areas identified make sense with what they know and have experienced
- Potential projects and sequencing in the draft CIS
- Levee setback projects and levee repairs
- SR203 bridge and Tolt River Road improvements
- Dredging; concern about how soon potential feasibility study could be completed; glad county is looking at it seriously; why study again, just dredge

Residents expressed concern about:

- Timber harvesting/clear cutting impacts on the Tolt River and potential landslides
- Future large residential developments in areas that may be subject to flood hazards (e.g. development in Carnation's potential annexation area east of the city)
- Potential impacts to land values from setback levees if river shifts away from property
- The County not removing residential structures soon after purchasing and potential increase in trespassing and illegal activity
- Impacts of dredging to salmon habitat and that it needs to be done over and over

Meeting Conclusion

Tamie Kellogg thanked everyone for their time and reminded them that staff was still available during the open house for questions or comments.

Additional Written Comments Submitted at and after the Public Meeting

- Support for Setback Levees; would benefit the community
- Support for elevating NE Tolt Hill Road from SR203 to the Tolt Hill Bridge and a roundabout at SR 203 junction
- Support for sediment study and to move up on list
- Support for levee setbacks
- Concern about dredging; support for protecting salmon habitat
- Concern about logging impacts on sediment in the Tolt River