

SCHUYLKILL RIVER PARKS CONNECTOR BRIDGE

COMMUNITY MEETING

JUNE 27, 2011

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. History of Railroad Issues / Federal Court Settlement
3. Update on Grade Crossing Construction
4. Schuylkill River Parks Connector Bridge; Review of Scope and Benefits
5. Public Coordination / Design Concept Team
6. Introduction of City team and contractor
7. Project Schedule-16 months: July 2011 to October 2012
8. Process for Communication and Coordination During Construction
9. Response to Input Heard to Date
10. Q&A

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Project Benefits

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While there will be disruption and inconvenience during construction, the finished project has benefits.

- A physical connection between Schuylkill River Park and Schuylkill Banks
- Alternate crossing location if the Locust Street at-grade crossing blocked
- Bridge ramps provide overlooks on both river and land sides of the railroad tracks
- Ramp lighting will provide increased lighting and security for the dog parks
- After construction, the two dog parks will be larger and better
 - Combined, the two areas for dogs will be 7% larger
 - Two surfaces, doggie turf and permeable pavers
 - Water connection to clean the park's surfaces
 - Serpentine brick sitting wall
 - Ramp structure provides shelter from weather
 - New pet drinking fountains
 - New landscaping – including trees and shrubs
 - Better fencing
 - Attractive barrier adjacent to basketball courts
- After construction Schuylkill River Park will be improved
 - Many of the park pathways will be repaved
 - A new and upgraded lighting system will be installed throughout the park
 - The bowl will be regarded to minimize the current muddy areas
 - The park will have an irrigation system, for the first time
 - New gardens will be established at the major park entrances, modeled on the beautiful entrance at Spruce and Delancey streets
 - New benches and trash receptacles
 - New landscaping, including 35- 3" caliper shade trees, 318 shrubs and significant ground cover