

BOND UPDATE #76

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Here's what's been going on the past week:

1. We are continuing with the reconciliation between Cornerstone's and RLB's (Rider, Levett, Bucknall's) construction cost estimates. As the team digs into the details, we are moving the cost estimates closer together. Our goal is to get them within 1-2% of each other.
2. Along with the estimate reconciliation, the team continues to focus on making value engineering changes to the design. By making such changes – particularly ones related to aspects of the design that will have little or no impact on the educational program – we will be able to reduce construction costs and increase our chances of including bid alternates.
3. The Civil Engineer is evaluating alternate stormwater detention systems in hopes of finding a more cost-effective design. As I mentioned last week, we are limited in what we can do for stormwater detention due to the grade and high groundwater levels on the site. This project will generate a high volume of stormwater runoff that will need to be contained. By way of illustration, the current design includes over ten miles of 30-inch pipe!
4. Construction Services Group staff met on site with District staff this week to finalize comments on the design development drawings. These comments, along with those from Cornerstone and the Bond Oversight Committee, will be evaluated by the design team for incorporation into the construction documents.
5. As part of the project's land use review process, the District will be issuing a SEPA determination and checklist. SEPA stands for Washington State's Environmental Policy Act. Their checklist will identify and analyze potential environmental impacts from the project, as well as specifying any mitigation measures needed to offset the impacts.

As always, please reach out to me or one of my colleagues if you have questions.

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