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Blondy Jhune Bridges Construction Update #7

Dear All,



The east bridge has been demolished. As was suspected, there was no reinforcing steel in the deck. More concerning was the fact that the deck was not connected to the beams and girders. During the past flooding events, the deck had floated four inches to the south.

Staff and the contractor have been meeting with various property owners this week to discuss the construction of their driveways and drainage. A homeowner has requested that city staff meet with an architect to adjust the drainage. There is a possibility of moving the drainage in one area to save a dozen or so trees and reduce costs. In the event that large trees must be removed, staff is contacting a wood reclaimer to discuss the possibility of having the trees cut into lumber. If you have any suggestions to how the lumber or tree trunks should be used, please email me with your ideas.



The large tree northwest of the east bridge has been temporarily fenced to protect the roots. A more permanent fence will be in place soon.

Sincerely,

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Public Works Director/City Engineer