NOTICE OF DECISION

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ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION - MINOR HISTORIC REVIEW

CASE NO. Historic Review Case HIS16-09 / Amanda No. 16-106084-DR

NOTICE OF DECISION DATE: May 26, 2016

REQUEST: Minor historic design review of a proposal to install a new 2" fiberglass conduit and associated equipment, including a utility vault on the Union Street Railroad Bridge, an individually listed National Register historic resource (Eastern terminus: intersection of Union Street NE and Water Street NE; Western terminus: Wallace Marine Park).

APPLICANT: Tim Lewis for Wave Broadband, LLC and Tammy Munger for

Commstructure Consulting, LLC

LOCATION: Union Street Railroad Bridge

CRITERIA: Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 230.060(I)

Standards for the addition of Mechanical Equipment to Historic

Contributing Buildings in Public Historic Districts or Individually Listed

Public Resources

DECISION: Based upon the application materials deemed complete on May 25, 2016, and the findings as presented in this report, the application is **APPROVED**.

FINDINGS: The applicant is proposing to install new conduit and associated equipment on the Union Street Railroad Bridge. Staff determined that the following standards from SRC 230.060 (I) are applicable to this project. While the Standards reference "building", per SRC 230.060, this section also applies to individually listed public resources. The Union Street Railroad Bridge is an individually listed resource, and in this case "resource" has been substituted for "building" when developing findings where appropriate.

Proposed Conduit and Utility Vault: The applicant is proposing to install new 2"fiberglass telecommunications conduit on the underside of the Union Street Railroad Bridge, adjacent and parallel to existing conduit already installed on the Bridge. Portions of the existing U-channel will be removed and replaced with a longer, 6-inch extended, channel to accommodate the new conduit. The new U-channel hanger system will include hangers secured to the top of the bridge bents, and installed every 10-15'. The conduit will be grey in color, matching the exterior appearance of the conduit already installed under the Bridge.

Criteria: 230.060(I) Mechanical Equipment and Service Areas. Addition and replacement of mechanical equipment is permitted. This includes, but is not limited to: heating and cooling systems, solar panels, telecommunications equipment and dumpster enclosures.

(1) **Materials.** Materials shall be harmonious in type, color, scale, texture, and proportions with the building and the district generally.

Finding: The applicant is proposing to install fiberglass telecommunications conduit which will match the material and exterior appearance of the existing conduit on the Bridge thereby meeting SRC 230.060(I)(1). The utility vault cover will be of metal and painted grey to match the Bridge, thereby meeting SRC 230.060(I)(1).

(2) Design.

(A) Mechanical equipment and service areas should be located out of public view and designed as an integral part of the overall building design *or design of the resource*.

Finding: The applicant is proposing to install telecommunications conduit underneath the Union Street Railroad Bridge, parallel and adjacent to existing conduit which is located out of the public view and once installed, will appear to be an integral part of the Bridge's design, thereby meeting SRC 230.060(I)(2)(A).

(B) Mechanical equipment and service areas should be placed at the rear of the building *or resource*, recessed on the roof of the building, or screened by appropriate fencing.

Finding: The applicant is proposing install a utility vault, 24° x 36° x 36° in size, at the eastern terminus of the Bridge. The metal cover of the vault will be flush to the ground, painted grey to match the Bridge, and will not be easily visible, thereby meeting SRC 230.060(I)(2)(B).

(C) Low-profile mechanical units and elevator shafts may be placed on rooftops if they are not visible from the street, or are set back and screened from view.

Finding: The applicant is not proposing to install any equipment on the top of the bridge; therefore this Standard is not applicable to the evaluation of this proposal

(D) Solar panels should have low profiles and not be visible from right of way, other than alleys, and shall be installed in a manner that minimizes damage to historic materials.

Finding: The applicant's proposal does not include solar panels; therefore this Standard is not applicable to the evaluation of this proposal.

(E) Skylights shall be flat and shall not alter the existing profile of the roof. Bubble type skylights are prohibited.

Finding: The applicant's proposal does not include skylights; therefore this Standard is not applicable to the evaluation of this proposal.

(F) Mechanical equipment placed at street level should be screened in a manner that is compatible with the streetscape and adjacent buildings. Lights and vents shall be placed behind and below the parapet level.

Finding: The applicant is proposing install a utility vault, 24" x 36" x 36" in size, at the eastern terminus of the Bridge. The metal cover of the vault will be flush to the ground, painted grey to

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match the bridge, and therefore will not be easily visible and does not require screening, thereby meeting SRC 230.060(I)(2)(F).

DECISION: Based upon the application materials deemed complete on May 25, 2016, and the findings as presented in this report, the application is **APPROVED.**

Kimberli Fitzgerald, AICP, Historic Preservation Officer

Planning Administrator Designee

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This Decision becomes effective on **June 11, 2016.** No work associated with this Decision shall start prior to this date unless expressly authorized by a separate permit, land use decision, or provision of the Salem Revised Code (SRC).

Application Deemed Complete: May 25, 2016
Notice of Decision Mailing Date: May 26, 2016

Decision Effective: June 11, 2016

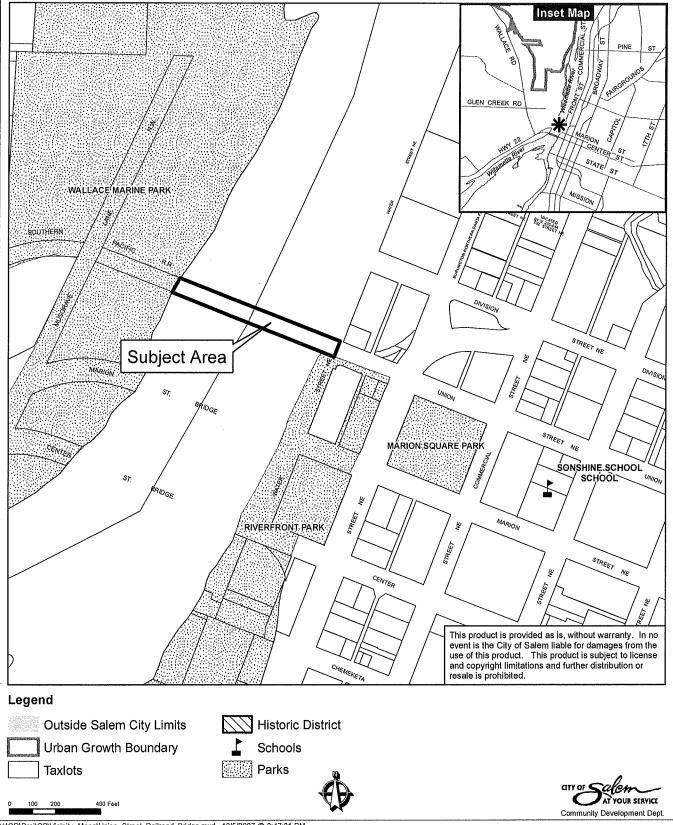
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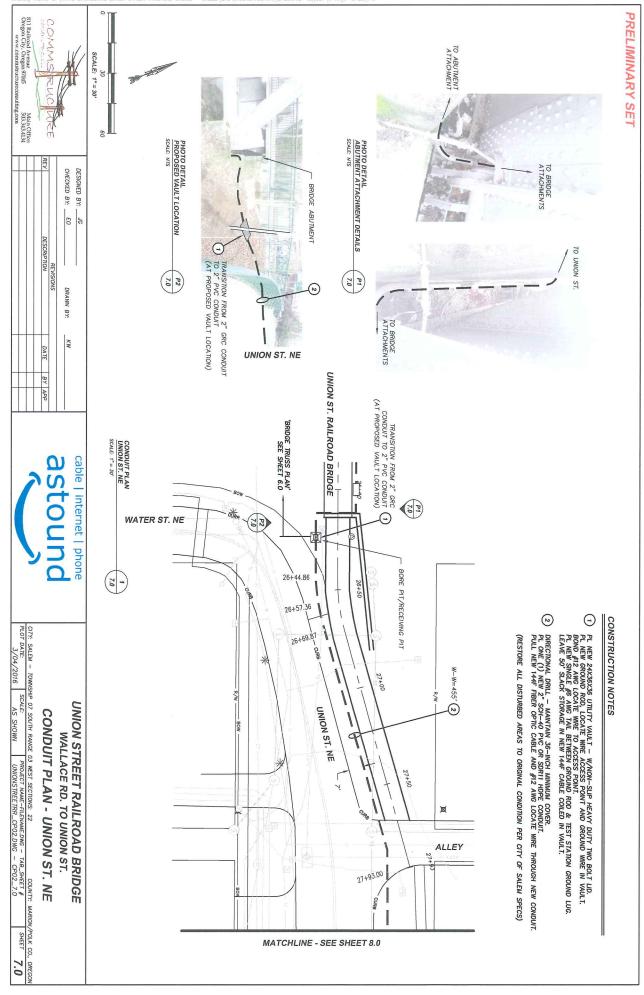
The rights granted by this decision must be exercised by <u>June 11, 2018</u> or this approval shall be null and void.

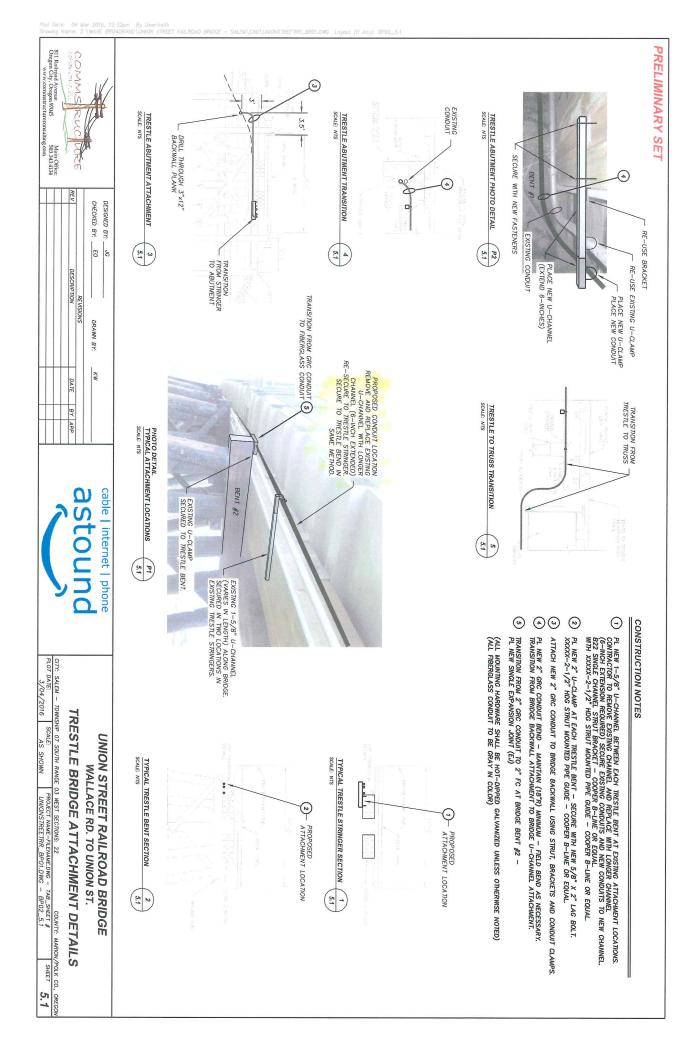
This decision is final unless written appeal from an aggrieved party is filed with the City of Salem Planning Division, Room 305, 555 Liberty Street SE, Salem OR 97301, **no later than 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2016**. The appeal must state where the decision failed to conform to the provisions of the historic preservation ordinance (SRC Chapter 230). The appeal must be filed in duplicate with the City of Salem Planning Division. The appeal fee must be paid at the time of filing. If the appeal is untimely and/or lacks the proper fee, the appeal will be rejected. The Salem Historic Landmarks Commission will review the appeal at a public hearing. After the hearing, the Historic Landmarks Commission may amend, rescind, or affirm the action, or refer the matter to staff for additional information.

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