Northside Parking Project Summary

Location:
Whitaker property on the southwest corner of Riverfront Parkway and Millrace Drive

Parking Count:
153 spaces

Description:
The UO proposes to develop a parking lot on the Whitaker property, which is owned by the City and vacant. The site is adjacent to the School of Architecture and Allied Arts Urban Farm and art studios on its west boundary. The Millrace bike bath is immediately to the south. Riverfront Research Park is to the east and north of the site, but the site is not within the boundaries of Riverfront Research Park. The proposed parking lot will meet City code standards, including landscaping screening a water resource buffer from the Millrace drive.

Best practices include:

- Providing opportunities for the Urban Farm to plant native edible landscape along the south and western boundaries of the site
- Preserving a valued apple tree by providing a general landscape island and saving orchard trees along the property boundary
- Entry/Exit on Millrace Drive and exit-only on Riverfront Parkway to mitigate traffic on Riverfront Parkway
- Large bioswale for stormwater treatment
- Permeable asphalt paving with storm water detention capability underneath
- Installing a low volume irrigation system

Estimated Completion Date:
The UO anticipates parking to be available by January 2011 and is developing a plan to provide temporary parking until the new spaces are ready.

How will the project serve the transportation needs of the UO campus?
Parking will be located in the near vicinity of the Franklin Blvd and Agate Street. The location is closer to the center of campus and the Arena than the Bean lot and convenient to University functions just north of campus.

What City of Eugene land use permits are required?
The Northside lot is zoned C2 (Community Commercial) with Willamette Greenway and Site Review zoning overlays. Willamette Greenway and Site Review permit approval is required from the City of Eugene.

What other City of Eugene permits are required?
Building permits through the City of Eugene Building Department.