

# FACT SHEET: DUBLIN'S ICONIC PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE BRIDGE

# **Iconic Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge Spanning the Scioto**

A pedestrian and bicycle bridge will span the Scioto River in the heart of Dublin connecting Downtown Dublin on the west side of the river to the future Riverside Crossing Park and the commercial, residential and retail destinations on the east side. The pedestrian bridge will also serve as an iconic City of Dublin landmark for generations to come—representing connectivity and further celebrating the beauty of one of Dublin's most treasured natural assets.



# **Overview**

The bridge will be 14 feet wide and 760 feet long, featuring an "S" shaped bridge deck with

a radius of 500 feet. Four 65-foot approach spans lead to a 500-foot long suspension span. The deck passes through the "keyhole" of the main tower, which is 169 feet tall.

# **Project Snapshot**

Architect: endrestudio

**Engineer of Record:** T.Y.Lin International **Contractor:** Kokosing Construction Company

# **Background**

A pedestrian bridge linking the east and west sides of the Scioto River has been envisioned for decades. In early 2017 the City contracted with Kokosing Construction Company for the construction of the pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

# **Timeline**

#### 1986

City Council endorses plan to develop a scenic riverfront park, including a suspension bridge over the Scioto River **2007** 

Council adopts Community Plan, depicting for the first time a pedestrian bridge linking the east and west sides of the Scioto River

#### 2008

Council, commission members and staff visit Greenville, SC to learn more about its redevelopment efforts, including the Liberty Bridge, a 345 feet pedestrian bridge spanning the Reedy River

#### 2009-2010

Council approves Bridge Street District Vision Plan, reaffirming recommendation for pedestrian bridge and more dense walkable private development on both sides of the Scioto River

#### 2011-2012

Detailed planning and feasibility studies related to Bridge Street District Vision Plan

#### October 29, 2012

Council and Planning & Zoning Commission hold Bridge Street District (BSD) work session, determine initial focus should be on Scioto River Corridor; consulting team assembled to advance Scioto River Corridor Framework Plan (continued on back)

#### **December 2012**

City acquires land on east side of Scioto River, first major step to realign Riverside Drive and create parkland along river **2013** 

Council and P&ZC hold 2 BSD work sessions, provide feedback on character of private development and the emerging framework plan, including pedestrian bridge concepts and riverfront park possibilities

## March 14, 2013

Preliminary key recommendations emerging from river corridor planning efforts shared with the public at State of the City address, video depicts pedestrian bridge concept

#### July 1, 2013

Updated Dublin Community Plan approved - incorporates key transportation and land use elements, affirms proposed pedestrian bridge

## September 9, 2013

City Council approves 2014-2018 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which for the first time reserves funding for proposed pedestrian bridge and riverfront parks

# **September 16, 2013**

Council Work Session on Scioto? River Corridor Framework Plan - consensus to continue securing additional public input

#### October 2013

Community presentation and public discussion forum (250+ in attendance)

#### February 28, 2014

Council goal-setting session - Council reviews status of major BSD public infrastructure projects, including pedestrian bridge

#### September 2014

Council approves 2015-2019 Five-Year CIP with a total pedestrian bridge budget of \$18.225 million, many unknowns at the time related to uniqueness and complexity of bridge concept and still undetermined landing locations

#### May 11, 2015

Council Work Session - Staff presents latest plans for west side of Scioto River corridor, recommends the intersection of proposed Rock Cress Boulevard and High Street for west side landing

# August 20, 2015

Council approves 2016-2020 Five-Year CIP with total pedestrian bridge budget of \$22.438 million, estimates reflective of early value engineering

#### **December 2015**

Final design team selected, detailed design and environmental permitting begins

#### May 23, 2016

Council formally approves Scioto River Park Master Plan, which affirms pedestrian bridge alignment, landing locations and defines the planned river park improvements

#### June 20, 2016

Council work session - update on early stage design and cost estimates, including some value engineering options such as lowering the main tower height. Council requests additional information on cost and time implications of restoring tower height closer to original bridge concept.

#### July 5, 2016

Council Work Session - Staff provides additional information, cost, and schedule updates. Council unanimously approves motion affirming pedestrian bridge landing locations, lighting package, tower height of 110 feet (from bridge deck to top of tower) and roadway locations. Adjusted construction budget of \$22.75 million.

# **September 12, 2016**

Council approves 2017-2021 Five-Year CIP, including a construction budget of \$22.75 million for pedestrian bridge

#### January 23, 2017

Council authorizes \$692,468.40 contract with Kokosing Construction Company for the construction of the first phase of the pedestrian bridge west abutment (\$152,343.05) and the Riverside Park west plaza retaining wall (\$540,125.35)

#### **April 10, 2017**

Council authorizes \$22,126,570 contract with Kokosing Construction Company for construction of the second and final phase of the pedestrian bridge

# 2019

Projected opening of Dublin's iconic pedestrian and bicycle bridge

