

# BOND UPDATE #60

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Here's what's been going on this week:

1. First, let me take a moment to acknowledge that this update is number 60 since we passed our school bond in February of 2019. We have sent 59 progress reports before this one. If you are seeing this update somewhere other than your inbox, please take a minute to opt-in and subscribe to the weekly emails at the following link: [Subscribe Now](#)
2. You may remember that Governor Inslee included school construction on the list of activities allowed to continue during this closure period. Per his waiver, and in compliance with social distancing rules, biologists have been on site at Ferndale High School during the past week and have completed delineation of the western boundary of the Schell Ditch and its associated 25-foot buffer. Surveyors are on site now surveying the boundary flags and making notations of what structures are currently within the buffer. The design team will use this information to help determine the final layout for new buildings and site improvements.
3. Ferndale School District staff held a very successful meeting with City of Ferndale staff this past week to discuss scoping for the required traffic study. The City agreed with our consultant's findings that the new school would not contribute any additional vehicle trips to the surrounding roadways. Although the entrance and exit points will not be changing, the types of access at each point will be different. Therefore, the traffic study must evaluate the new traffic patterns at several intersections near the school. Additionally, the traffic study will take into account impacts from the new Thornton Overpass, which is scheduled to open around the same time as the new school (in 2023).
4. Cornerstone Construction and Dykeman Architects have been working on bid plans and specifications for the pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) portion of the new high school. This will allow us to bring the PEMB contractor on board early enough to develop an effective design that will seamlessly integrate the pre-engineered portion of the school with the site-built portion. Calls for bids will be advertised next week with bid opening scheduled for June 5.
5. The members of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 19. Consistent with physical distancing guidelines, they will conduct their meeting virtually through a Zoom webinar. The meeting invitation will be available no later than Monday, May 18, at this link: <https://www.weareferndale.org/committee/>

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments about any of this.

Linda