

EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEETING #26

Date and Time: Monday, May 15, 2023, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Zoom Webinar and YouTube Livestream

Number of concurrent YouTube viewers: 7

WELCOME

Dr. Roberta Hunte, EAG Facilitator, welcomed EAG members to the meeting, explained how to view closed captions, gave instructions for public input, and previewed the meeting agenda.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator, shared several updates on the program that included the following:

- IBR Tolling Authorization
 - During this year's session the program received tolling authorization from the Washington state legislature and the governor signed the bill.
 - There will be a pause on implementing tolling in Oregon from the governor so the community can be engaged. Tolling on IBR will be starting mid to late 2026, so we are not impacted.
- Federal Grant Update
 - During mid-year there will be several federal grants that the program will be applying for. The program is waiting for the release of the "MEGA" grant under the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (IIJA) in order to apply.
 - Later in the year we will be working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to enter into their Capital Improvement Grant process, which will help us on the transit element of the IBR program. In addition, there will be the Bridge Improvement Grant later this year.
- Section 106 Public Comment Period
 - Cultural Resources Open House is currently going on until May 18, 2023, you can find this information on the IBR webpage. It's an open house that allows people to share their knowledge and provide information about some of the important historical places around the program area.
- Presentation
 - The program is continuing the ongoing mission of going out to the community to give status updates and answer any questions as the program progresses. Below is a list of recent presentations:
 - Association of General Contractors- Oregon

- Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
- 24th Annual East European Youth Leadership Conference
- Oregon Trucking Association
- American Planning Association Conference
- Oregon Environmental Council

URBAN DESIGN

Nolan Lienhart, IBR Urban Design, provided a presentation on designing with equity and explained that there are three tiers in designing with equity:

- The Legacy of Equity Concerns in Planning
- Equity in Urban Design/ Planning
- Facilitating Equity at all Scales for IBR Program

Mr. Lienhart reviewed the IBR program Equity Framework and definition of equity, as these serve as the foundation for designing with equity. Additionally, he explained how the Urban Design team approaches incorporating the program's equity objectives into design.

Next, Mr. Lienhart gave a general overview of the typical urban design process, and how equity is incorporated into it. He next explained what inequity in planning and urban design is, and how architects approach equitable design.

Important context for understanding equitable design for the IBR program is the historical legacy of inequities in the program corridor. Some of the examples Mr. Lienhart reviewed included:

- The Vanport floods
- Portland Assembly Center and Japanese internment
- Indigenous peoples of the region
- I-5 construction and subsequent community displacement

Next, Mr. Lienhart explained why equity is included and considered in the planning and urban design processes. He then reviewed what equity means at the large, medium, and small scales. Finally, Mr. Lienhart explained universal design principles and how they differ from defensive design principles.

Discussion

- An EAG member expressed interest in understanding the stop distribution for CTRAN, because sometimes stop distribution can intentionally avoid certain areas. They expressed that safety can look different for different people.
- An EAG member discussed the frequency of repair and how that impacts equity and usage.
- An EAG member asked whether the Urban Design team has considered looking into design aspects of Disneyland due to the ability to keep so many people moving and creating a happy environment.

- Another EAG member recommended the team consider looking at airports as good examples of maximizing accessibility and wayfinding.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

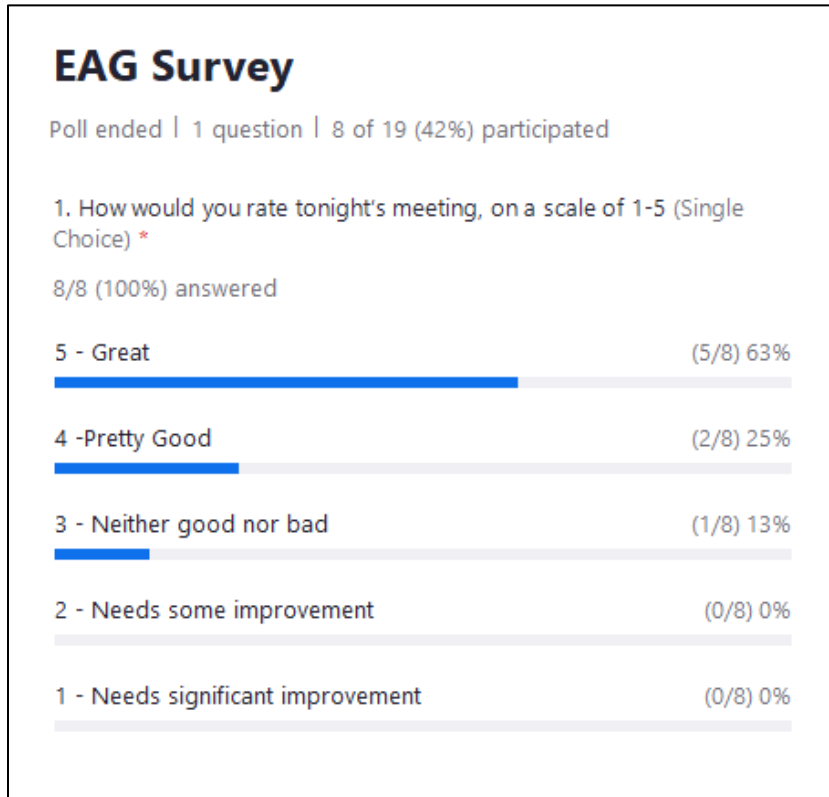
Salomé Chimuku and Jay Housgard, IBR Community Engagement Team, provided the following updates on the program's community engagement efforts:

- Community Briefings to CBOs and neighborhood associations are ongoing and done upon request
- Mini-Grant Partnerships with CBOs
 - Focusing on equal representation on both sides of the river
 - Having CBOs do direct outreach to members of the public
 - Focus on CBOs that serve Equity Priority Communities
- Affinity Listening Sessions will be directed towards specific communities so that they can feel safe expressing their respective needs and feedback
- The next Equity Roundtable will be on Intersection of Multimodal Transportation and Equity June 8th 6:00-7:00pm.
- IBR Staff Office Hours will have future opportunities for members of the public to speak with program staff, learn about the program, and ask questions or provide comments. These will be offered in person and virtually.
- Upcoming events:
 - Vancouver: Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG) Resource Fair – June 3rd, Vancouver Pride – July 8th, and Vancouver Farmer's Market at Esther Short Park – October 21st.
 - Portland: Juneteenth – June 17th & 18th, Sunday Parkways – June 25th, Kenton Farmer's Market – August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

MEETING EVALUATION POLL



ADJOURN

- Next EAG meeting: June 26, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Following EAG meeting: July 17, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm

ATTENDEES

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
EAG Members	
John Gardner	TriMet
Miriam Halliday	Workforce SW Washington

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
Shane Valle	Portland Bureau of Transportation
Erika McCalpine	ODOT
Jennifer Campos	RTC
Vicki Nakashima	Community member
Sebrina Owens-Wilson	Metro
Aidan Gronauer	WSDOT
Barbi Alexander	Port of Portland
Tanya Adams	WSP
Sokho Eath	IRCO
IBR Staff	
Frank Green	Assistant Program Administrator
Jake Warr	Equity Lead
Dr. Roberta Hunte	Facilitator
Johnell Bell	Principal Equity Officer
Emilee Thomas Peralta	Equity Team
Nolan Lienhart	Urban Design Team
Brent Hamlin	Tech support
Millicent Williams	Communications Team
Jay Housgard	Community Engagement Team
Salomé Chimuku	Community Engagement Team
Shannon Singleton	Community Engagement Lead

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MEETING RECORDING AND MATERIALS

Meeting Recording

A recording of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWfbJDNLuyY>

Meeting Materials

The meeting materials are available here: <https://www.interstatebridge.org/get-involved-folder/calendar/eag-may-15-2023-meeting/>