



# Community Advisory Group Meeting

April 28, 2021



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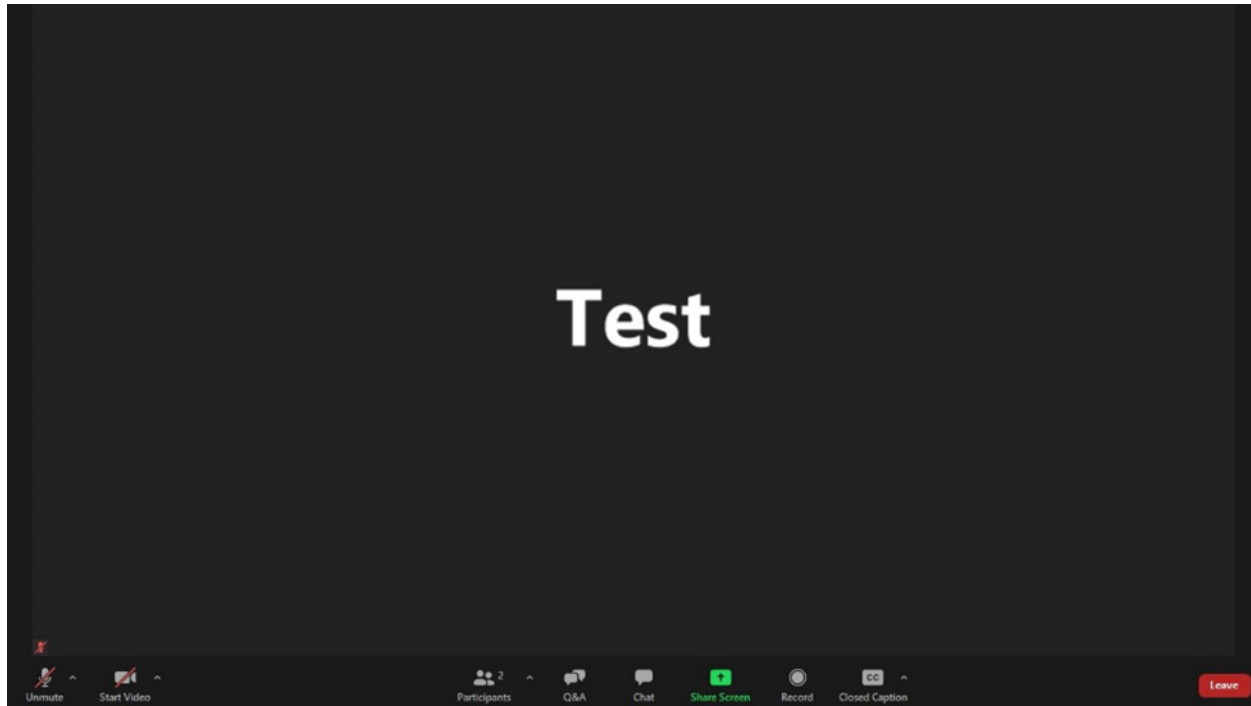
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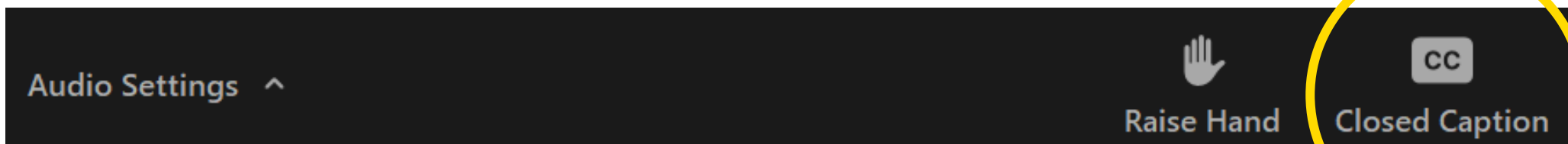
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# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Program Update
3. CAG Charter – Seeking Consensus
4. Community Vision – Seeking Consensus
5. CAG vision – Breakout Session
6. Wrap up



# Program Update



# Program Update

- ▶ The program is taking previous input on Purpose and Need and Vision and Values and shifting the focus of work to develop a framework that will be used to help develop and screen design options
  - Community values and our frameworks for climate and equity will be applied to shape design options so we can see how decisions on design options will uphold the community's priorities and forward climate and equity goals.
- ▶ Utilize and update past work to maximize previous investment and support efficient decision-making to identify design options that reflect changes since the previous project and current community priorities
- ▶ The program will work with partners to identify what has changed contextually and physically to help determine what design options should be considered
- ▶ The program is committed to working with partners, advisory groups and the community to embed equity and climate considerations throughout the program in actionable and measurable ways to help shape design options and identify other benefits

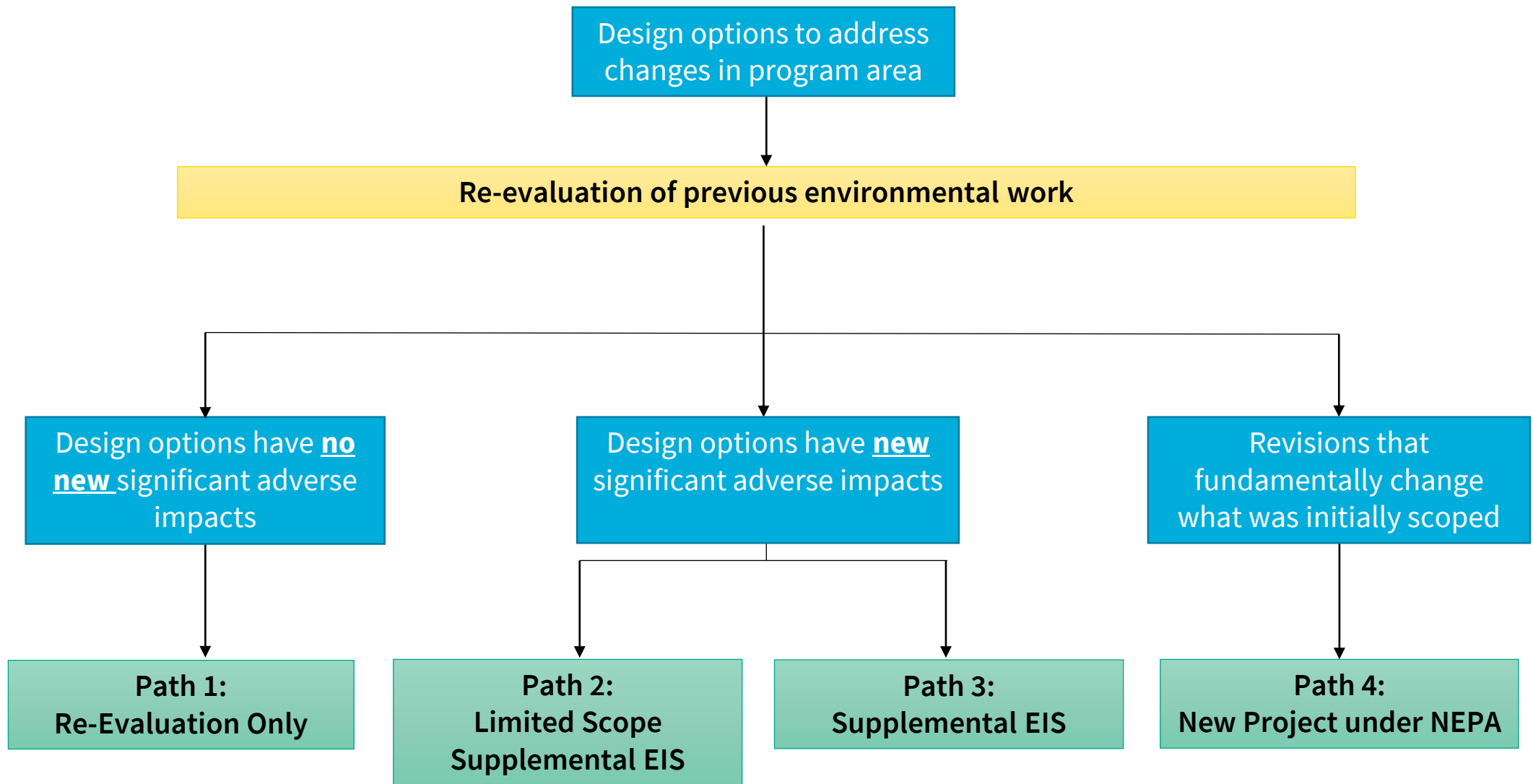
# Four Environmental Process Pathways

## ▶ Step 1- Re-evaluation

- Determine whether the previous NEPA decision, analysis, and documentation is still valid OR if additional analysis is required to advance a project. If additional analysis is required, a re-evaluation helps identify what level of analysis is needed.

## ▶ Step 2 –1 of 4 pathways

- Option 1: Re-evaluation only
- Option 2: A limited scope supplemental EIS
- Option 3: A supplemental EIS
- Option 4: Rescind the 2011 Record of Decision and restart the NEPA process.



# Equity Advisory Group Update

## April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- ▶ Approved a recommended program-specific definition of equity
  - Defined in terms of *process* and *outcomes*
- ▶ Discussed potential equity-focused screening criteria & performance measures
  - How do we measure successful process and outcome equity?

**Next meeting Monday May 17th, 5:30-7:30pm**

(as always, open to the public)

# Equity definition, pt. 1

The Interstate Bridge Replacement program defines equity in terms of both process and outcomes.

**Process Equity** means that the program prioritizes access, influence, and decision-making power for marginalized and underserved communities throughout the program in establishing objectives, design, implementation, and evaluation of success.

**Outcome Equity** is the result of successful Process Equity and is demonstrated by tangible transportation and economic benefits for marginalized and underserved communities.

# Equity definition, pt. 2

**Marginalized and underserved communities** are defined as those who experience and/or have experienced discrimination and exclusion based on identity, such as:

- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
- People with disabilities
- Communities with limited English proficiency (LEP)
- Persons with lower income
- Houseless individuals and families
- Immigrants and refugees
- Young people
- Older adults

Together, Process Equity and Outcome Equity contribute to addressing the impacts of and removing long standing injustices experienced by these communities.

# CAG – Individual Meetings

- ▶ Have met with 26 members and have 5 meetings left
- ▶ Summary of themes:
  - Strong desire to move to next phase of program
  - Appreciation of historical context and information from the beginning
  - Breakout groups are productive, keep these in the meetings
  - A communication piece between meetings would be helpful
  - Appreciate the individual meetings
  - One open at-large spot open for Oregon

# Community Advisory Group Charter



# Charter

- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Structure
- ▶ Roles and Responsibilities
- ▶ Meetings
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Our Shared Commitment
- ▶ Adopt by consensus

# Changes to the charter

- Removed titles
- Advisory Group clarification
  - *“The perspectives and insights shared by members of the CAG are intended to influence the IBR program.”*
- Consensus defined
  - *To achieve consensus, all members will actively participate while working through differences. Consensus means that CAG members can live with the recommendation; such recommendation is consistent with a CAG member’s interests, duties and obligations; and can be supported by that member.*
- Our Shared Commitment
  - *Added systemic racism vs. racism*
  - ***I will notice the power dynamics in the room.** I will be aware of how I use my privilege. I will be cautious of taking up too much emotional and airtime space. I will stay engaged. I will seek to recognize communities of concern and allow space for their voices to be heard, including BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), people with disabilities, communities with limited English proficiency, persons with lower income, houseless individuals and families, immigrants and refugees, young people, older adults.*

# Consensus Model

- ▶ Participants develop and decide on proposals with the aim of acceptance by all.
- ▶ Including the input of all committee members results in better proposals that helps to address all potential concerns.
- ▶ Fosters a collegial group resulting in cohesion and interpersonal connection.
- ▶ Requires active participation and working through differences
  - From Latin, “agreement accord”.

# Seeking Consensus

- ▶ I agree and support the CAG Charter
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- ▶ I oppose the CAG Charter, but I commit to work with the group to find a solution that works for all



# Community Values

# Highlights from Recent Community Engagement

## Transportation Problems

Widespread agreement that the *six previously identified transportation problems still exist*

*These 3 were consistently identified as the highest concerns*

Congestion & Reliability

Inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Earthquake vulnerability

Impaired freight movement

Safety concerns

Limited public transportation

# Highlights from Recent Community Engagement



# Community Input Will Shape Program Work

- ▶ Engagement efforts demonstrate that the community is eager to begin digging into the details of a bridge replacement solution
- ▶ Community engagement feedback on Purpose and Need and Vision and Values is being used to ensure design proposed reflect the community's values and priorities.
  - This includes developing climate and equity frameworks and corresponding performance measures to help embed these commitments throughout program work
  - Screening criteria will be developed based on the climate and equity frameworks, along with the community values and priorities, which will be used to help shape design options and guide decision-making



# Community Values and Priorities

- ▶ The following community values and priorities will be used as a starting point to develop screening criteria:
  - Past transportation projects have caused harm to communities of concern. The program should **center equity** and avoid further harm to communities and individuals. Equity is both an outcome as well as a process.
  - There is a strong correlation between transportation and climate change. The program should advance opportunities to reduce impacts from transportation facilities and improve resiliency to global **climate change**.
  - Transit and active transportation facilities must reflect the needs of all ages and abilities, and remove barriers, including language, to access and ensure availability of **transportation choices**.

# Community Values and Priorities Cont.

- **Cost effectiveness** should be assessed through concepts of affordability, recognizing future funding challenges, and planning for and designing a bridge that will serve future generations beyond our own.
- Creating opportunities for local job creation, growth and increased access contributes to **economic empowerment** and a thriving economy.
- Recognize that **congestion** does not just affect personal vehicles; it impacts freight deliveries for companies (small and large), reduces public transit reliability when mixed in traffic, and reduces safety.
- **Natural resources** should be protected and enhanced including fish and wildlife habitat and water quality.
- Foster leadership and **cooperation** between bi-state program partners to improve program outcomes.
- Provide ongoing opportunities for meaningful, equitable and transparent **community engagement**.

# Community Value Breakout Session

- Is the Community Values summary reflective of the broader community's values?
- Which elements of a replacement solution are most important to you?

# Breakout Session

CAG members are currently in a breakout room. We will return for a report out shortly.

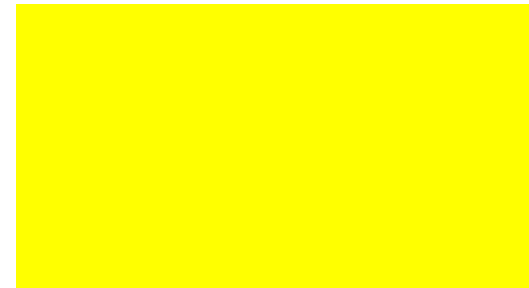


# Group Report Out

## Jamboard

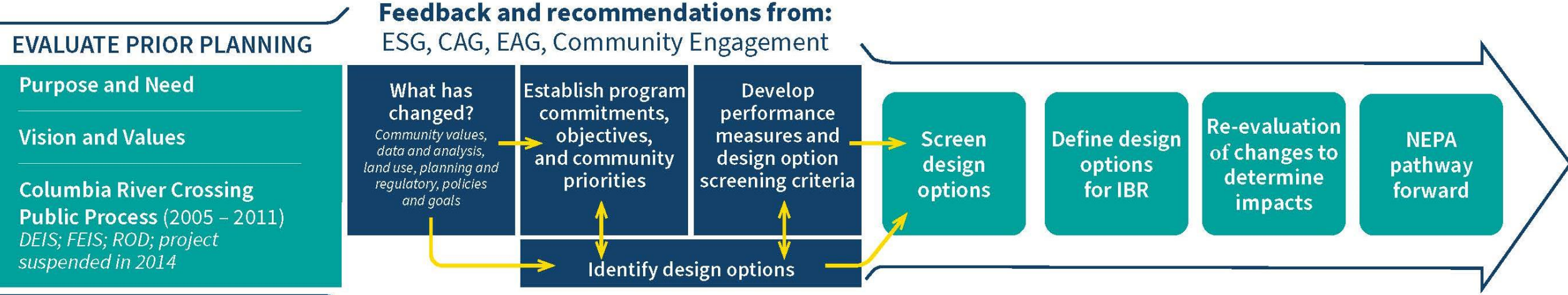
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# Advancing the Program

# Process to Update Environmental Documentation



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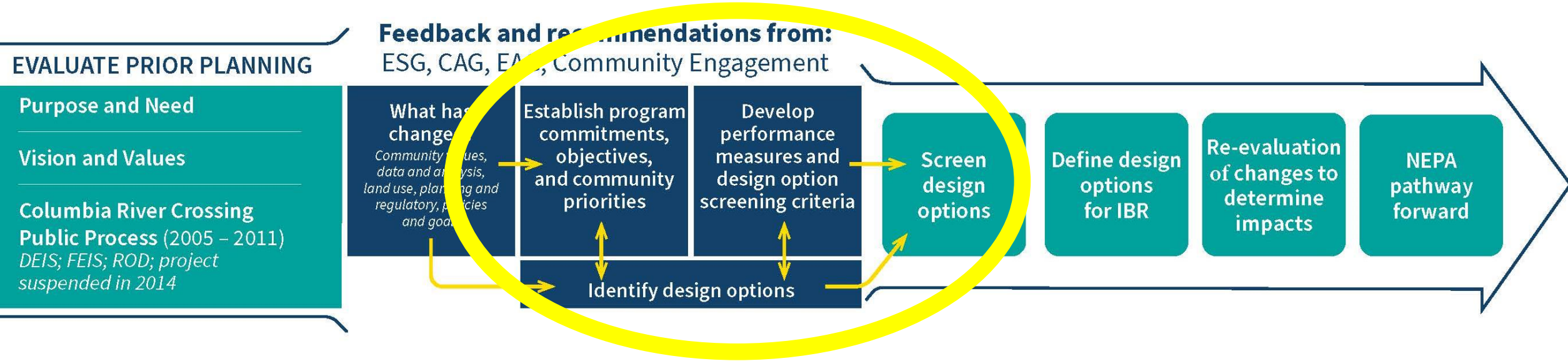
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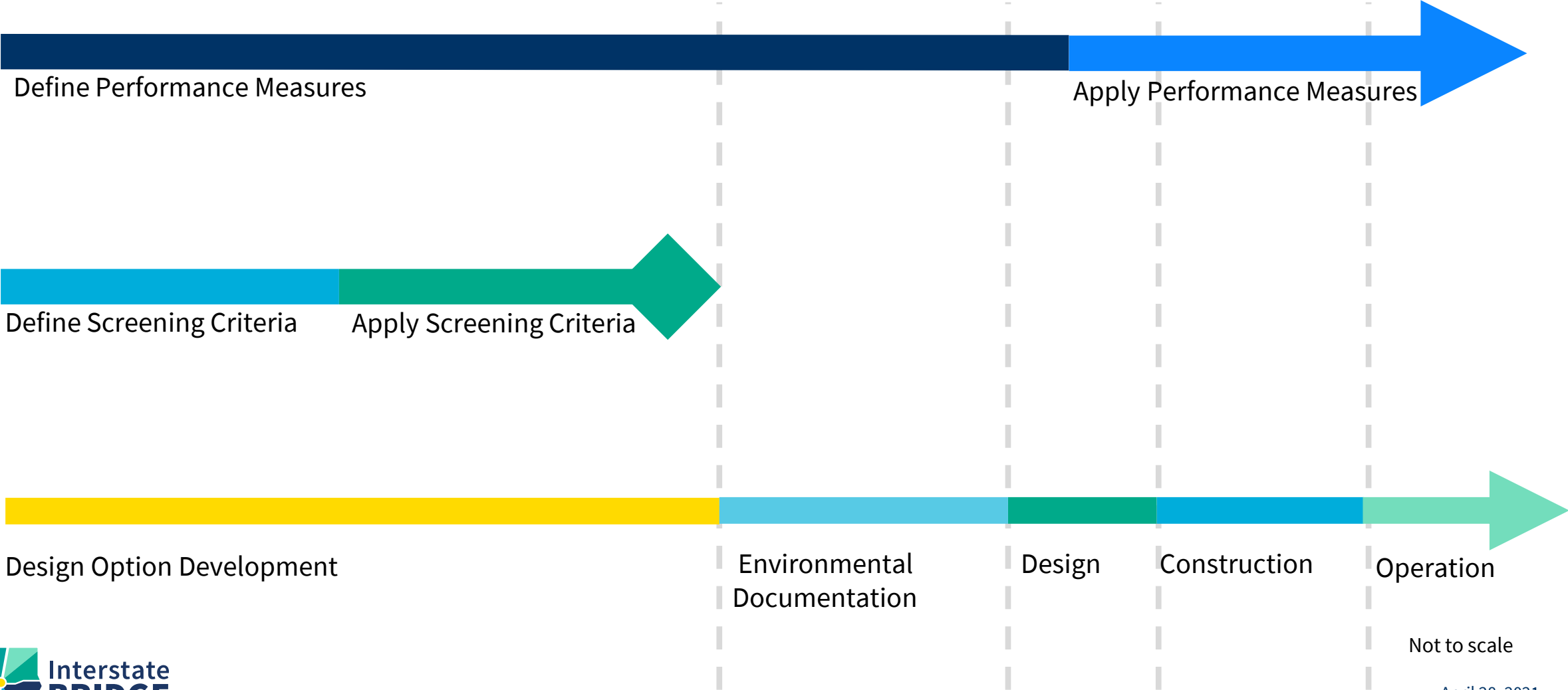
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# Performance Measures vs. Screening Criteria

- ▶ *Program-level performance measures* are indicators that will be used to measure the IBR program's success over the lifespan of the program.
- ▶ *Screening criteria* are used to assess the level of performance or potential impacts among the design options considered.

# Performance Measure/Screening Criteria Development and Application Timeline



Not to scale

April 28, 2021

# Previous Planning Efforts

- ▶ Design
- ▶ Transit
- ▶ Interchange
- ▶ Active Transportation
- ▶ River Crossing
- ▶ Climate Options
- ▶ Urban Design

## **Discussion Question:**

What changes since the previous project should be considered and reflected in a bridge replacement solution?

# What's Next

# Community Outreach - Listening Sessions

- ▶ Multimodal Commuter - April 22
- ▶ Hayden Island – May 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Multimodal Freight Movement – May 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Downtown Vancouver – June 1, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Active Transportation – June 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Environmental and Climate Considerations– June 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

# At our next meeting – June 3, 2021

- ▶ Introduce next program phase
- ▶ Discuss design options
- ▶ Working Groups discussion
- ▶ Revisit April meeting discussion question:
  - What changes since the previous project should be considered and reflected in a bridge replacement solution?

# Next Program Meetings

- ▶ Executive Steering Group –
  - April 29 from 8 – 10 a.m.
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group –
  - May 17 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



# Public Comment

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# Wrap up

## Final Thoughts



Thank you!

