



Community Advisory Group Meeting

July 14, 2022



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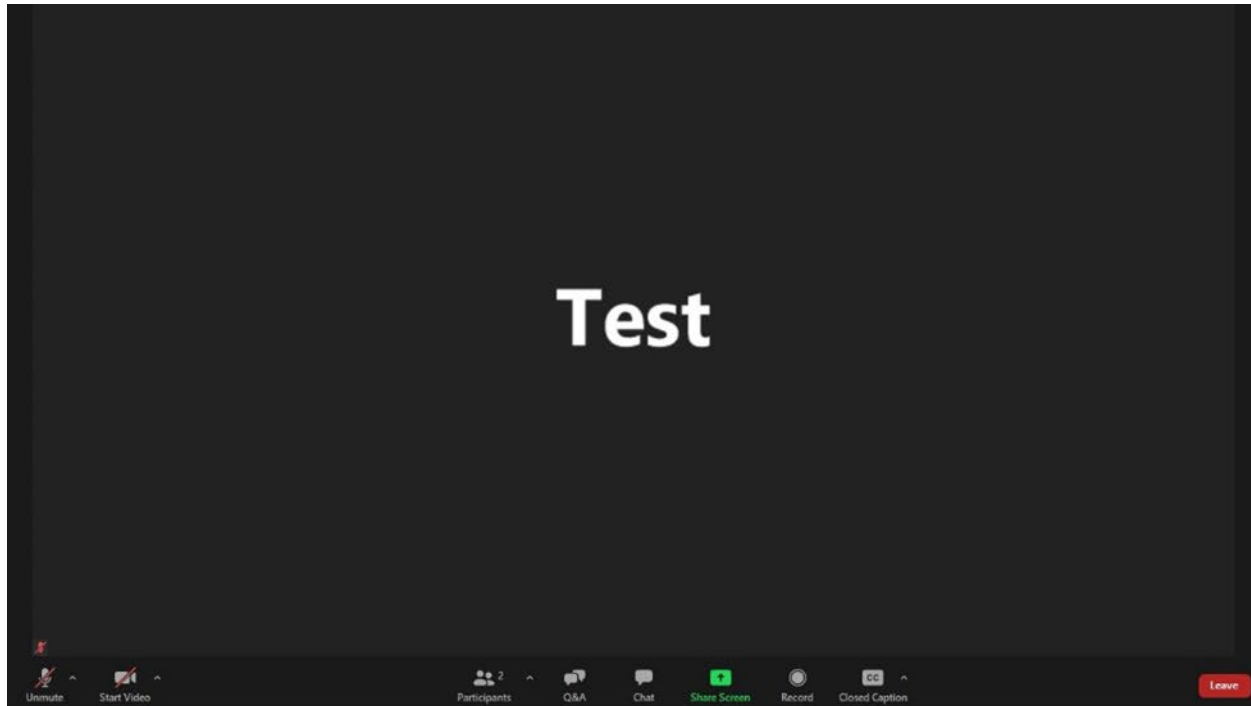
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CAG member commitments & operating norms

- ▶ Put Relationships First
- ▶ Keep Focused on Our Common Goal
- ▶ Notice Power Dynamics in the Room
- ▶ Create a Space for Multiple Truths & Norms
- ▶ Be Kind and Brave
- ▶ Practice Examining Racially Biased Systems and Processes
- ▶ Look for Learning

Meeting Agenda

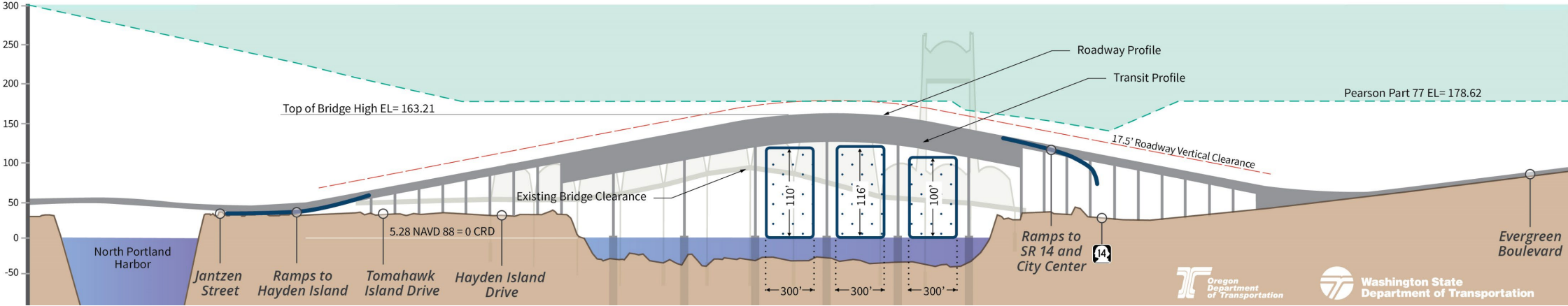
1. Welcome
2. Program update
3. Advisory group program area bus tour
4. Recommended Modified LPA update
5. CAG discussion & feedback on next steps & future work
6. What's next, public comment, wrap up

Program update

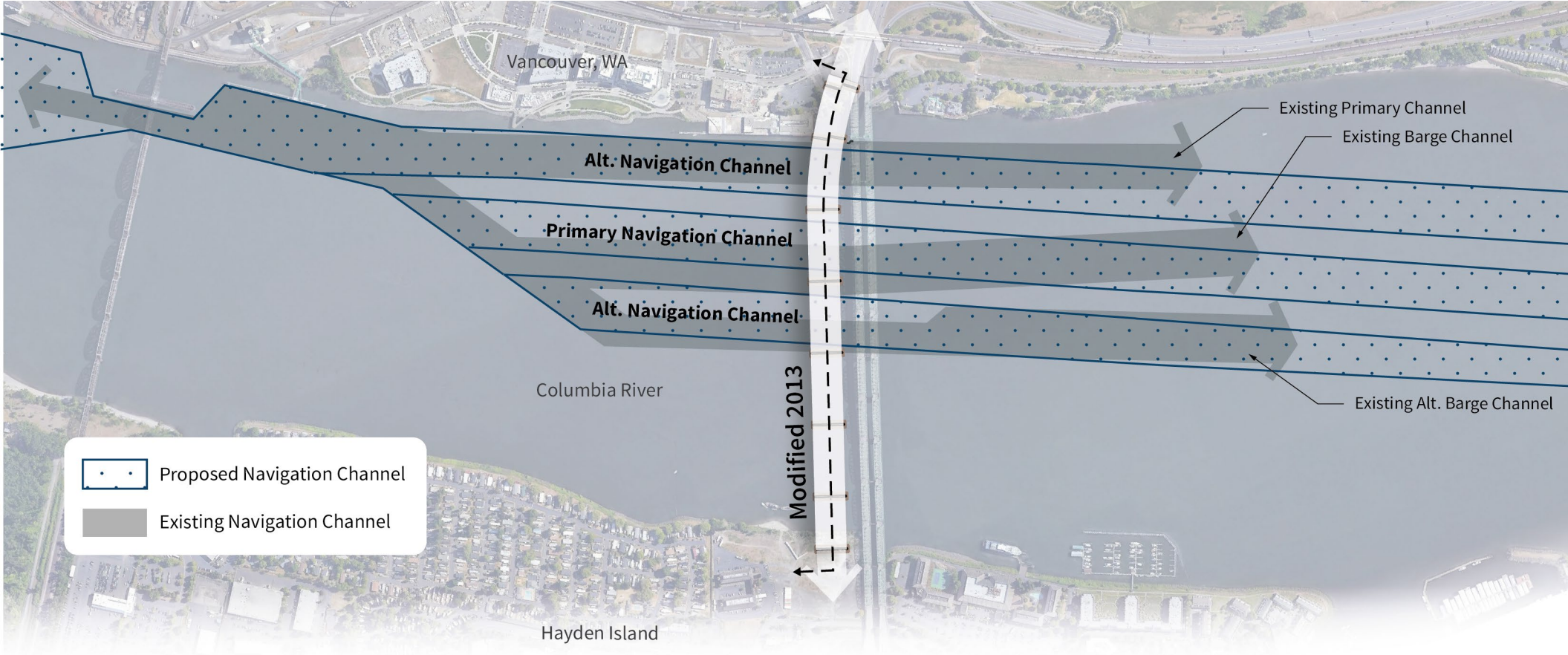
Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Coast Guard Preliminary Determination

Proposed Navigation Channel



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Program area bus tour

Ed Washington, CAG Co-Chair

Program area tour details:

- ▶ June 9, 4-7 p.m.
- ▶ 20 attendees (excluding staff)



“A picture they say is worth a thousand words. An actual trip itself is worth a billion words.” - Ed Washington, CAG Co-Chair

Recommended Modified LPA update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Recent Partner Discussions and Feedback

- ▶ **May 10 – June 14: Program Modified LPA briefing and discussion at partner boards, councils, and commissions**
 - **Portland City Council - May 10**
 - *How has IBR incorporated lessons learned to improve bi-state leadership, governance, finance, and decision-making*
 - *How climate and equity metrics will be developed and achieved, including user experience, environment, and aesthetics*
 - **Metro Council - May 12**
 - *Right-sizing and limiting bridge footprint is important*
 - *Addressing equity concerns is critical and needs to be continued through meaningful engagement and applying the equity framework to decisions*
 - *Variable rate tolling and light rail transit with bus service are necessary to manage congestion, provide travel options, and meet climate goals*
 - **Vancouver City Council - May 16 and June 6**
 - *A desire to better understand how the interchanges within the Vancouver BIA will be improved*
 - *Questions about adequate capacity and freight accommodation with the recommended number of lanes*
 - *Ensuring the program is building equity into the program process, as well as tangible outcomes*
 - **TriMet Board of Directors - May 25**
 - *Maintaining and improving the performance of C-TRAN and TriMet's transit systems to support the Modified LPA is critical*
 - *Essential to update the project finance plan to identify clear project costs, agreements, and funding sources*

Recent Partner Discussions and Feedback Cont.

- ▶ **May 10 – June 14: Program Modified LPA briefing and discussion at partner boards, councils, and commissions**
 - **RTC Board of Directors - June 7**
 - *Finance equity, cost sharing the tolling limits*
 - *Auxiliary lanes to optimize system performance, safety, and freight movement (and high-wide-heavy)*
 - *Economic development opportunities, include aggressive job development and training programs*
 - *Community benefits and respect for archaeology resources on North Bank*
 - **Port of Portland Board of Commissioners - June 8**
 - *Access to and from Marine Drive is as important as balancing overall height of the bridge with PDX and river navigation needs*
 - *Centering equitable outcomes is essential*
 - **Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners - June 14**
 - *Desire to study how two aux lanes perform as part of the next phase of design, at least in portions of the project area*
 - *Examine available smart technologies and methods (such as freight only lanes) to see if those mechanisms can mitigate the negative impacts of one aux lane*
 - **C-TRAN Board of Directors - June 14**
 - *Desire to better understand the program's funding plan including on-going operations and maintenance of the light rail extension*

Current Partner Discussions

- ▶ **June 16 – July 14: Program partner boards, councils, and commissions endorse the Modified LPA***
 - June 22, TriMet Board of Directors (*Modified LPA endorsed*)
 - July 11, Vancouver City Council
 - July 12, Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners
 - July 12, C-TRAN Board of Directors
 - July 13, Port of Portland Board of Commissioners
 - July 13, Portland City Council
 - July 14, RTC Board of Directors
 - July 14, Metro Council
 - *June 16, JPACT (Modified LPA endorsed)*

****Anticipated dates as of 6/15/2022***

Examples of Program Commitments for Future Work

- ▶ **The Modified LPA is a foundation for what to study in the SEIS.**
- ▶ **The program is developing a list of commitments for future work and/or analysis, such as:**
 - **Active Transportation**
 - *Provide active transportation connections to high-capacity transit stations*
 - **Climate/Sustainability**
 - *Prioritize a high level of sustainable design and construction practices*
 - **Community**
 - *Develop Community Benefits Program*
 - **Contracting/Construction**
 - *Set targets to achieve DBE utilization and workforce diversity*

Examples of Program Commitments Cont.

- ▶ **Examples of program commitments for future work cont.:**
 - **Design**
 - *Aesthetically pleasing, cost efficient, and sustainable.*
 - **Equity**
 - *Accountability tracking tool and Equity Framework reporting.*
 - **Finance Plan**
 - *Refining costs and revenue estimate, including federal, state, and local funding.*
 - **Freight**
 - *Ensure auxiliary lane design, interchanges, and bridge configuration meet freight needs.*
 - **Tolling**
 - *Prepare an Equity Report to assess the impact of tolls on low-income travelers.*
 - **Transit**
 - *Work with partner agencies to optimize transit network.*



IBR Community Engagement

Salomé Chimuku, Community Engagement Team

IBR Fairs and Festivals: Timeline

This summer, IBR is attending the following events occurring within the program area:

- ▶ **Good in the Hood (*June 25-26*)**
 - King Park School Park, 4906 NE 6th Ave, Portland, OR
- ▶ **Vancouver Pride (*July 9*)**
 - Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St, Vancouver, WA
- ▶ **Alberta Last Thursday (*July 28*)**
 - Alberta Street, Portland, OR
- ▶ **Vancouver Farmers Market (*August 13*)**
 - 8th & Esther Streets, Downtown
- ▶ **King Farmers Market (*August 21*)**
 - NE 7th & NE Wygant, NE Portland



IBR Fairs and Festivals: Themes

- ▶ **For many community members, this is their first time interacting with the IBR program.**
 - Many community members have questions about the foundational elements of the Modified LPA and next steps.
- ▶ **Below are some common themes IBR staff are hearing:**
 - “Keep centering equity”
 - “I hope this happens this time.”
 - “When I was looking for housing, the existing bridge impacted my decision.”
 - “I’m glad the Max will have stops in Vancouver.”
 - “Build that bridge!”
 - “Keep up the good work.”

CAG discussion on future work



Questions or Feedback?

What's next?

Next Program Meetings

- ▶ Equity Advisory Group
 - July 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Executive Steering Group
 - July 21, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- ▶ Bi-State Legislative Committee
 - July 21, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- ▶ Community Advisory Group
 - September 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (No August meeting)



Public Comment

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Wrap up

Final Thoughts



Thank you!

