



Community Benefits Advisory Group Meeting

January 25, 2024



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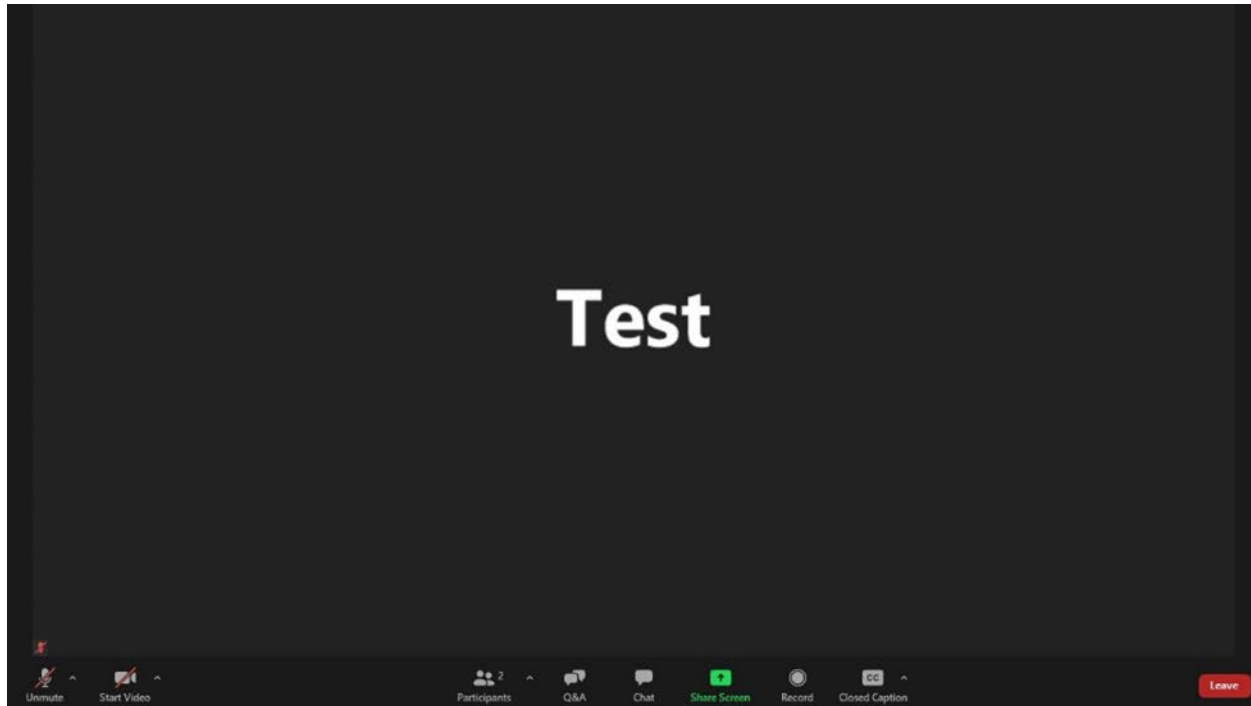
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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today (around 9:55 AM).
- ▶ Verbal public comment will be welcome in the Zoom webinar during the designated time, with the option to turn on your camera.
 - Please use the link located in the meeting description on the YouTube meeting page or on the IBR CBAG meeting webpage.
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Group Agreements

- ▶ 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
- ▶ This is a learning space for everyone, look for learning
- ▶ Advisory group members will turn cameras on as you share this space together
- ▶ Take care of your personal needs as they come up. Let the facilitator know if you need to step away.
- ▶ Virtual participant can participate by taking written notes, and using the 'Raise Hand' and 'Speak' features for active engagement
- ▶ Welcome diverse perspectives; it's okay to disagree
- ▶ Move Up, Move Up
- ▶ Assume and have good intentions



Welcome CBAG Members

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order• Welcome & introductions• Meeting overview and outcomes
9:55 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment
10:05 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program update
10:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion/confirmation on the first round of recommendations for program consideration
10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on framework elements – workforce equity and economic opportunities• Small group discussion – what should be considered related to workforce equity and economic opportunities?
11:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large group report
11:25 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing and next steps

CBAG Sharing

- ▶ Welcome

- Greg Johnson, Program Administrator
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle, City of Vancouver
- Commissioner Mapps, City of Portland

- ▶ Introductions – CBAG Members

- Please introduce your name, organizational affiliation or at large status, and pronouns
- Check in question - what recent positive experience, either personally or professionally, would you like to share with the group?

Public Comment

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- ▶ Please provide your name and affiliation
- ▶ 10-minute timeframe will be divided among the number of requested speakers

If we run out of time and you have not had a chance to speak, you can still provide comments after the meeting.



Comment Instructions

To submit comments after the meeting:



- ▶ Fill out the comment form on the program website or email your comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “CBAG Public Comment” in the subject line.
- ▶ Call **360-859-0494** (Washington), **503-897-9218** (Oregon), **888-503-6735** (toll-free) and state "CBAG Public Comment" in your message.
- ▶ Written comments need to explicitly say “**CBAG Public Comment**” in the subject line or in the body of the message for them to be identified and distributed to CBAG members.
- ▶ All written comments must be received prior to 48 hours in advance of each upcoming meeting in order to be distributed to advisory group members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting.



Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Recent Program Updates

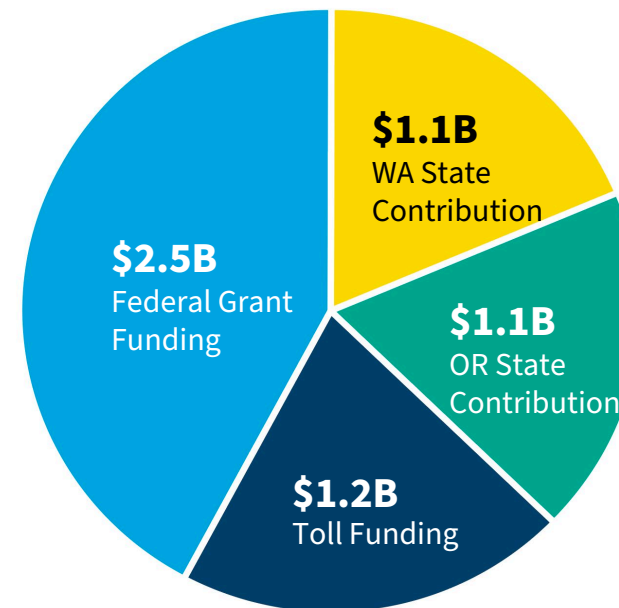
- ▶ Senator Murray & Senator Cantwell Tour and Roundtable
- ▶ WA Senate Transportation Committee Work Session
- ▶ Bi-State Legislative Committee
- ▶ Community Presentations:
 - East Portland Rotary
 - Community-Based Organization Listening Sessions
 - *People Living with Disabilities*
 - *BIPOC & Persons with Lower Income*
 - *Youth*



Recent Program Updates - Funding

- ▶ **Federal funds, tolling, and state funds are needed to address the estimated \$6B IBR program cost**
 - Bridge tolls will help pay for the new bridge and its continued operation and maintenance through the duration of the construction loan
- ▶ **Federal Grant Update**
 - IBR program was awarded **\$600 million** through the USDOT **Mega Program** grant
 - Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application submitted for \$1.5 billion, with announcements expected in mid-2024
 - Pursuing approximately \$1 billion through the Federal Transit Administration Capital Improvement Grant program

Potential Program Funding Sources

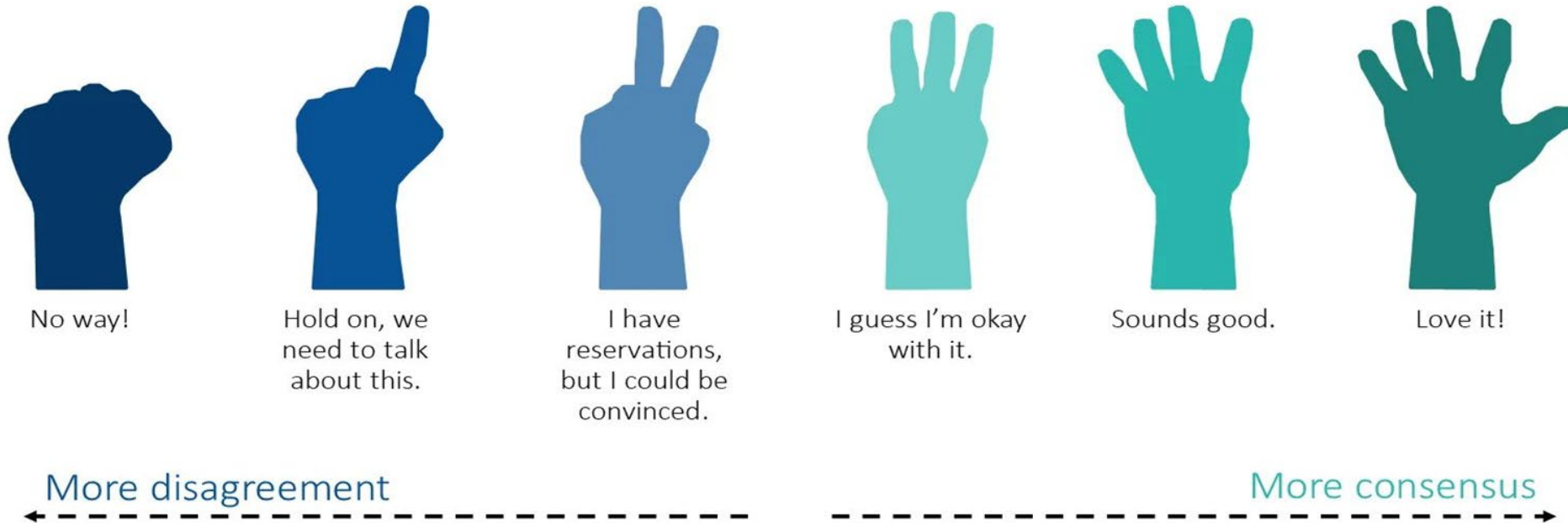


- WA State Contribution**
\$45M in planning secured; construction funding committed
- OR State Contribution**
\$55M in planning secured; construction funding committed
- Federal Grant Funding**
\$600M Mega Grant and \$1M BIP planning grant secured; pursuing remaining grant amount
- Toll Funding**
Tolling authorized; bonding not yet secured

Discussion/Confirmation on First Set of Recommendations

Modified Consensus Decision Making Model

Which best describes your level of agreement?



Community Benefits – Recommendations

► Mobility and Accessibility

- Create pedestrian safety measures, such as speed bumps and signs.
- Provide adequate bicycle signage, both during construction and after program for safety enhancement in local communities
- Create accessible trails and networks with lighting for safety, balanced with considerations for ecosystem health
- Create bicycle amenities (repair kiosks, etc.)
- Connect to transit service improvements
- Design active transportation facilities to create a comfortable, low-stress experience, prioritizing the safety of vulnerable users and providing convenient access from the local network to new facilities
- Create efficient public transit to key locations, integrating design elements to improve user experience

Community Benefits –Recommendations

► Physical Design

- Create designs that prioritize preservation and enhancement of natural features, focusing on the views both from and towards the bridge
 - *Include viewpoints or designated areas for cyclists and pedestrians on the bridge to enhance their experience and safety*
- Use anti-spray coating and designs to deter unwanted graffiti activity on the bridge
- Explore mitigation strategies to reduce highway noise for nearby residents
- Use material options that are sustainable and environmentally friendly, incorporating local elements (such as ash and shells) as alternative materials into the program design
- Coordinate/salvage existing bridge elements for public display

Community Benefits –Recommendations

► Physical Design

- Define community connectors near Evergreen Blvd and the waterfront, incorporating both active transportation facilities and greenspace, and implement east/west connectivity and accessibility
- Incorporate art and local history and culture into the bridge design to enhance its aesthetic appeal and connection to the community
- Create a combined Welcome Center/ODOT truck inspection facility that will have a curated display of the history of the region, approved cultural materials, photo documentation of the existing bridge, salvaged plaques from the existing bridge

Community Benefits –Recommendations

▶ Community Benefits

- Create riverfront public access points where feasible
- Provide recreation opportunities on Hayden Island
- Create additional communal and open spaces, including areas suitable for fishing and kayaking
- Create parks on both sides of the river
- Prioritize innovative developments on the land adjacent to the bridge, with a focus on projects that promote accessible and affordable housing
- The potential use of the Expo Center as a construction yard and fabrication site

Community Benefits –Recommendations

▶ Avoid Further Harm

- Consider monitoring for noise, vibration, and air quality
- Dashboard showing results and subsequent actions to mitigate
- Mitigate noise and dust impacts to homes during and after construction
- Require Contractors to install several electric charging stations to encourage the use of low/no emission vehicles on the site
- Work with highly-impacted residents to determine mitigations during construction, such as hotel vouchers during the noisiest/overnight operations if certain noise levels are exceeded

Community Benefits –Recommendations

▶ Avoid Further Harm

- Set up portable speed monitoring signs on adjacent neighborhood streets
- Set up temporary speed bumps or speed tables to be established in key locations to prevent speeding on adjacent streets
- Require a percentage of the Contractor’s equipment be low or no emission
- Retrofit diesel construction vehicles to curb air pollution
- Explore options to build permanent electric vehicle charging stations beyond temporary uses during construction phase
- Consider including the installation of electric lines in advance to avoid future disruption for charging stations

Defining Community Benefits on IBR

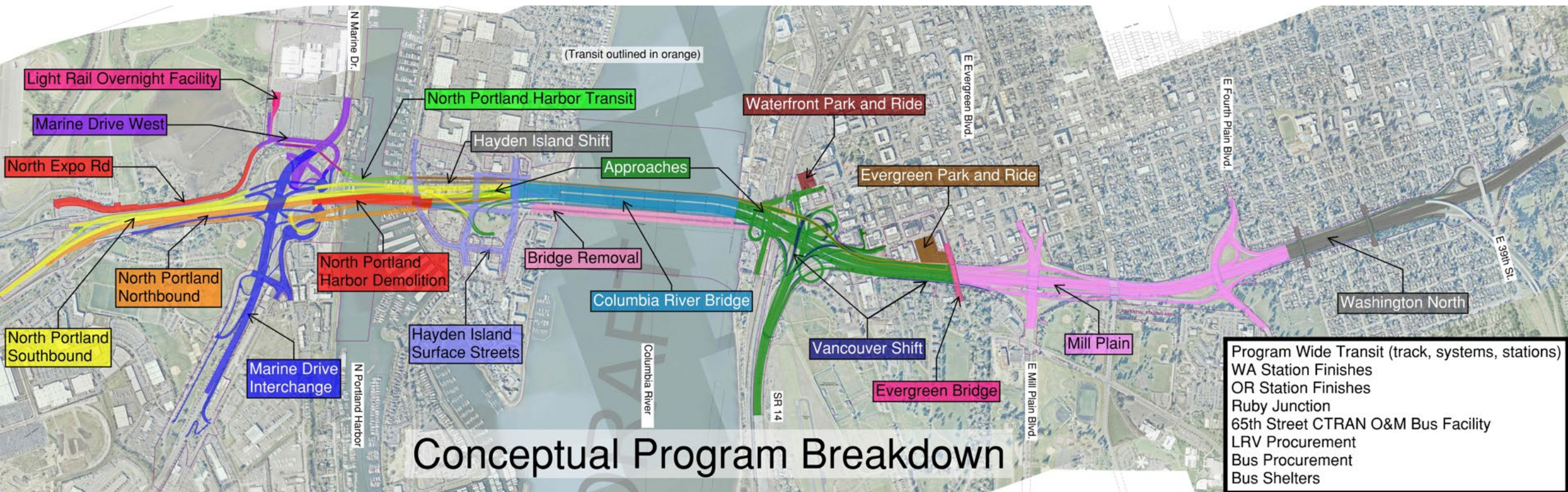
- ▶ **Expectation that IBR Community Benefits WILL Be:**
 - Developed with extensive community involvement
 - A range of recommended potential benefits for the local community that reflect:
 - *IBR Equity Framework principles*
 - *Diverse needs and perspectives of community*
 - A key cornerstone of how the program is implementing its commitment to equity
 - Captured in contract specifications, environmental documents, third-party agreements, or referred to any future Project Labor (PLA) and/or Community Workforce Agreements (CWA)
 - A cooperative commitment between program partners and other parties



IBR Community Benefits Examples

Workforce Equity and Economic Opportunity

Emilee Thomas-Peralta, Equity Team



This graphic is intended only to show potential contract packages. It does not reflect all design options under analysis and does not reflect design decisions.

The IBR program delivery plan is a work in progress; this map is subject to ongoing modifications.

Examples of Potential Community Benefits

▶ DBE Support:

- Host regular workshops for DBEs
- Assess needs for back-office support and technical support (i.e. accounting, payroll, estimating, plan reading, understanding specifications, etc.)
- Host prime contractor & DBE networking events
- Institute prompt pay requirements on all construction contracts
- Funding for technical assistance, training, outreach, and support

Examples of Potential Community Benefits

▶ DBE Support:

- Unbundling work packages to create DBE prime contracting opportunities
- Require all major prime contractors to employ a DBE liaison
- Require prime contractors to have an internship/mentor program so minority college students can be exposed to project management skills
- Create dashboard for tracking DBE data
- Implement contracting and workforce strategies that hire and train local DBEs for both short-term and long-term jobs, using strategies that align with regional Construction Careers Pathways Program

Examples of Potential Community Benefits

▶ Workforce Support, Outreach, and Training:

- Provide transit services to connect trainees with training sites and eventually the IBR worksite
- Provide childcare vouchers and/or create childcare center near project site for trainees and employees during construction
- Provide internship opportunities on the project with all program partners
 - *Including internship programs for enrolled students*
- Provide workforce training opportunities for middle and high school students
- Stable Working Conditions - stagger construction packages so DBEs, BIPOC workers, etc. can have long term work on project

Examples of Potential Community Benefits

▶ Workforce Provisions for potential PLA/CWA:

– Priority & hiring

- *Develop criteria that helps target populations such as veterans, BIPOC, women, individuals experiencing lower-income, formerly incarcerated, and individuals experiencing disabilities*
- *Local hiring – define what local means for IBR (e.g. 50-mile radius)*

– Anti-harassment/Respectful Jobsites program

– Prevailing wage, health care, retirement

– Apprenticeship goals focused on graduation vs. apprenticeship hours only



Breakout Session in Progress

We will return in 30 minutes.

Large Group Report

What's Next?

CBAG Workplan

- ▶ February 2024
 - Framework elements: Mobility and accessibility
- ▶ March 2024
 - Framework elements: Community benefits
- ▶ April 2024
 - Framework elements: Avoid further harm
- ▶ May 2024
 - Framework elements: Physical design
- ▶ June 2024
 - Framework elements: Mobility and accessibility
- ▶ July 2024
 - Framework elements: Community benefits

Next Program Meetings

- ▶ Community Advisory Group (CAG)
 - February 8, 2024 – 4:00-6:00 PM
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
 - TBD
- ▶ Community Benefits Advisory Group (CBAG)
 - February 22, 2024 – 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Wrap up

Final Thoughts



Thank you!



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