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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
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Today's agenda

- ▶ Icebreaker
- ▶ Program Administrator Update
- ▶ IBR Financial Plan
- ▶ Section 106: National Historic Preservation Act
- ▶ Public comment
- ▶ Close out



Icebreaker

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- ▶ Name + pronouns
- ▶ Affiliation
- ▶ What is one of your favorite movies?

Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator



Financial Plan Update

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator

IBR Cost Estimate

- ▶ **The estimate is based on the scope of the Modified LPA with updated inflation assumptions in the year of expenditure**
- ▶ **The Financial Plan report will be released at the end of the month with future updates occurring around major program milestones**
- ▶ **The program cost estimate and possible funding sources will continue to be refined as the program moves further into design**

Building Blocks of the IBR Cost Estimate



Updated Cost Estimate

- + Base Cost
- + Range of Identified Project-Specific Risks
- + Inflation (Year of Expenditure)



Updated Cost Estimate

What is included:

Modified Locally Preferred Alternative Components:

- ▶ Replacement bridge over the Columbia River
- ▶ Replacement of the North Portland Harbor Bridge
- ▶ One auxiliary lane southbound and northbound
- ▶ Extension of light rail from Portland to Vancouver, with the addition of three new station locations
- ▶ Partial interchange on Hayden Island
- ▶ Full interchange on Marine Drive
- ▶ Access bridge from Hayden Island to Marine Drive

- ▶ **The base estimate range is from \$5 B - \$7.5 B**
 - The most likely cost is approximately \$6 billion, with actively managed risks

IBR Cost Estimate Breakdown

- ▶ All elements of the program are needed to ensure a safe and effective multimodal corridor
- ▶ The cost breakdown does not indicate the anticipated sources of funds.



Washington Interchanges, Roadway and Shared Use Path
Cost Range: \$0.99 - \$1.49 billion



Interstate Bridge Replacement and Approaches**
Cost Range: \$1.64 - \$2.45 billion



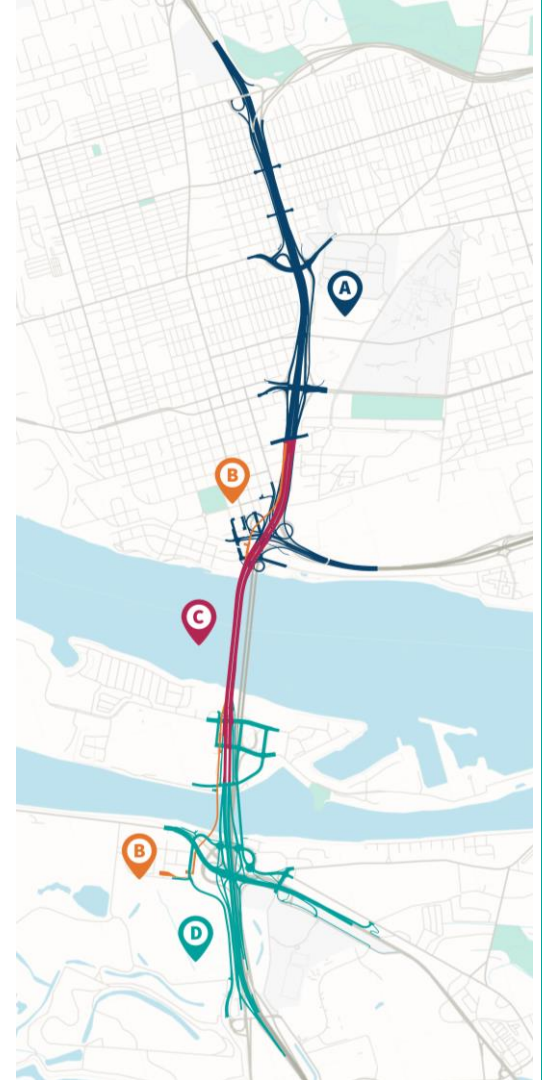
Transit Investments*
Cost Range: \$1.32 - \$1.99 billion



Oregon Interchanges, Roadway and Shared Use Path
Cost Range: \$1.05 - \$1.57 billion

* Transit Investments cost estimate includes new stations, potential park and rides, and facilities to operate transit. This excludes a portion of the river bridge and approaches that will be included in transit costs when seeking federal grant funding.

**The Replacement Bridge and Approaches cost estimate includes 100% of the cost of the bridge across the river (including shared use path and the transit share of the bridge structure), as well as bridge approaches and removal of the existing bridge.



Proposed Funding Sources

► Cost Estimate: \$5 B - \$7.5 B

– Most likely \$6 B, assuming actively mitigated risks

	Status	Funding Range	Financial Plan
Existing State Funding	Committed	\$100 M	\$100 M
Connecting WA Funding—Mill Plain Interchange	Committed	\$98 M	\$98 M
Move Ahead WA Funding	Committed	\$1,000 M	\$1,000 M
Oregon Funding Contribution	Anticipated	\$1,000 M	\$1,000 M
Toll Funding	Anticipated	\$1,100 – 1,600 M ¹	\$1,237 M
FTA New Starts CIG Funding	Prospective	\$900 – 1,100 M	\$1,000 M
FHWA/USDOT Federal Grants	Prospective ²	\$860 – 1,600 M	\$1,500 M
Draft 2023 IBR Financial Plan Total		\$5,208 – 6,498 M	\$5,935 M

¹ Placeholder amount until completion of financial capacity analysis range by both state Treasurers

² \$1.0 M in Federal Grants total is committed via FFY 2022 BIP Planning Grant award

Recent Funding Updates

- ▶ The Washington and Oregon transportation commissions hold toll rate setting authority in each state
- ▶ Following initial analysis, the IBR program currently assumes that \$1.24B would come from toll funding
 - Work to inform the financial plan included toll scenarios for study ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.55 in year of opening, depending on time of day
 - The toll scenarios in this analysis are used for study purposes only to inform financial planning, and do not represent final rates
 - In coordination with the commissions, a low-income toll program (discount/credit) will be considered in additional toll scenario analysis

Federal Funding Updates

- ▶ **IBR will apply for the Mega grant and Bridge Investment Program grant this spring and summer**
 - The program was encouraged by most recent round of grant awards, and has adjusted the likely application amount to reflect this
 - Federal grants require demonstrating a committed local funding match portion to be competitive
 - These grants do not allow local funding sources to be counted in more than one application, so a variety of sources are needed
 - Grant awards are expected to be announced late 2023/early 2024 timeframe
- ▶ **In summer 2023, IBR will apply for entry into program development for the Capital Investment Grant process to fund a portion of transit**

Next Steps

- ▶ **Securing state funding sources to ensure our grant applications are competitive**
- ▶ **Preparing for the next steps in the CIG process, including entry into engineering and timeline for the Full Funding Grant Agreement**
- ▶ **IBR will coordinate with the transportation commissions to do tolling analysis of additional toll scenarios, including exemptions and discounts for low-income travelers**

Section 106: National Historic Preservation Act

Section 106 Online Open House

<https://www.interstatebridge.org/cultural-resources-open-house>

Public comment

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Wrap up

- Takeaways
- Meeting evaluation
- Next meeting: May 15, 5:30 – 7:30pm



Thank you!