

## EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEETING #25

Date and Time: Monday, April 17, 2023, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Zoom Webinar and YouTube Livestream

Number of concurrent YouTube viewers: 8

### WELCOME

Jake Warr, EAG Facilitator, welcomed EAG members to the meeting, explained how to view closed captions, gave instructions for public input, and previewed the meeting agenda. Ice breaker name + pronoun, affiliation, and what is one of your favorite movies?

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator, shared updates to the program schedule and explained that the past month has been busy for IBR, with the program hosting another tour of the program area for Oregon legislators. Legislators were able to see the issues with the current bridge firsthand and get a better understanding of why more simplistic solutions would not be sufficient.

The Oregon legislature has put bill language forward for Oregon's share of the construction funding (\$1 billion) to match Washington's \$1 billion commitment. Administrator Johnson recently gave a presentation to the Oregon legislature alongside the director of ODOT on IBR and the current project status.

In Washington, the legislature is considering language around tolling authorization, which is one of the key aspects of the project's funding. Administrator Johnson was in Olympia to testify on this subject on behalf of the IBR program.

### FINANCIAL PLAN

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator, provided the update on the IBR financial plan and the cost estimate, and explained the different factors that affect costs and forecasting. Assistant Administrator Green walked through the updated IBR cost estimate, and how market conditions and elements of the Modified LPA explain the differences from the original cost estimates for the program. Additionally, he walked through the different anticipated sources of funding that are expected to cover the updated program cost estimates.

As part of the financial planning process, the IBR program has been working with the Transportation Commission for both Oregon and Washington to analyze different tolling scenarios and rates to help understand potential revenue and traffic impacts of tolling.

There will also be a workforce market analysis conducted for the program that determines what the current labor pool looks like across the region, other projects that may be occurring and pulling from the same labor pools, and where there may be gaps in the labor market. This study will also provide recommendations for the best ways to grow and retain a diverse workforce on the project.

## SECTION 106 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Kassie Rippee, Tribal Liaison, provided a high-level overview of Section 106 and cultural resources. Kassie shared a pre-recorded video featuring Hayli Reff, Cultural Resource Program Manager, where she discusses Section 106 requirements and the approach to analyzing cultural resources within the IBR program area. The cultural resource analysis that is required for Section 106 compliance includes resources that are 45 years or older that exist above or below ground within the study area.

- As part of the analysis, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) is determined in consultation with Section 106 consulting parties. Then, the IBR program must identify any cultural resources that exist within the APE and may be impacted by the IBR program.
- There is a Cultural Resources Open House web page (available on the IBR website) that shares more information about Section 106 and the process, and also gives the public an opportunity to provide input and share information with the Cultural Resources team through May 18th.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments for this meeting.

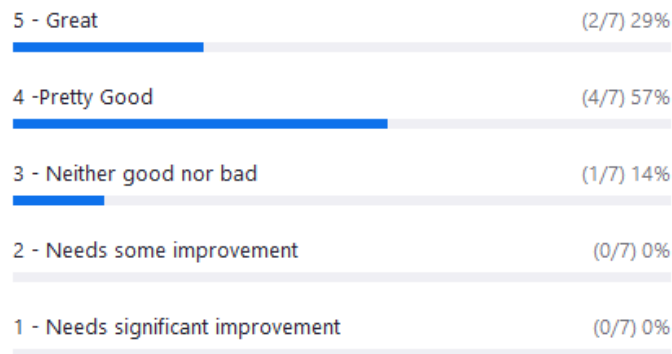
## MEETING EVALUATION POLL

### EAG Survey

Poll ended | 1 question | 7 of 19 (36%) participated

1. How would you rate tonight's meeting, on a scale of 1-5 (Single Choice) \*

7/7 (100%) answered



## ADJOURN

- Next EAG meeting: May 15, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Following EAG meeting: June 19, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm

## ATTENDEES

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
<b>EAG Members</b>	
Josh Laurente	OPAL
Nicole Chen	City of Vancouver
Alicia Sojourner	City of Vancouver
Shane Valle	Portland Bureau of Transportation

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
Albert Lee	NAACP Portland
Jennifer Campos	RTC
Vicki Nakashima	Community Member
Aidan Gronauer	WSDOT
Barbi Alexander	Port of Portland
Tanya Adams	WSP
Pat Daniels	Constructing Hope
Jonathan Eder	Port of Vancouver
<b>IBR Staff</b>	
Greg Johnson	Program Administrator
Jake Warr	Equity Lead
Dr. Roberta Hunte	Facilitator
Emilee Thomas Peralta	Equity Team
Frank Green	Assistant Program Administrator
Shannon Singleton	IBR Community Engagement Lead
Brent Hamlin	Technical Support
Kassie Rippee	IBR Tribal Liaison
Rob Turton	IBR Major Structures 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=xf4t31XMTF0&list=PLlzHp4MXqDjYdGXaZc8TlTm4XI5DIfqRB&index=26>

### Meeting Materials

The meeting materials are available here: <https://www.interstatebridge.org/get-involved-folder/calendar/eag-april-17-2023-meeting/>