

## EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEETING #22

Date and Time: Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Zoom Webinar and YouTube Livestream

Number of concurrent YouTube viewers: 2

### WELCOME

Dr. Roberta Hunte, EAG Facilitator, welcomed EAG members to the meeting, explained how to view closed captions, gave instructions for public input, and previewed the meeting agenda.

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator, shared several updates for the program. First, the program is preparing for a legislative tour of the project to show them what it looks like close up.

Administrator Johnson also shared that the program is working on getting its technical papers out for review on different issues related to the project, from environmental to other technical subjects.

Next, Administrator Johnson shared that the program is working on developing a framework for a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) and has been in talks with the different program partners. The program is working to ensure that the CBA conversation ends up being robust and includes the EAG, Community Advisory Group, and Executive Steering Group. The program's Equity Team has been doing research around best practices and examples of CBAs to help inform the process.

The program is also working on a revised cost estimate for the project, which involves a rigorous process that is factoring in inflation and other considerations. The estimate is trying to project out several years through the construction phase and also identify funding sources that include money from both states, federal funds, and tolling revenue.

Q. Is there any committed dollar amount from the federal government yet?

A. Generally the federal government's funding are the last dollars in, they want to see the commitments from the states first, as well as projected tolling revenue. We still need to get tolling authorization from the state of Washington to complete that picture. We are hoping to hear from the federal government through the Mega Projects Program and Big Bridge Program – and we think we will be very competitive. We are also looking at a capital grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

Q. I'm curious about institutional funders, like Meyer Memorial, for engagement efforts that extend beyond the building of bridge. Are you looking into those types of sources?

A. Yes, we are pursuing all of the possible options. There are a number of smaller grants, both federal and local, that could possibly bring different aspects to the project (community outreach, aesthetic treatments, etc.). We will be looking at those options from both the state and local levels to bring a more personal touch to the project that generally the big federal dollars may not get to.

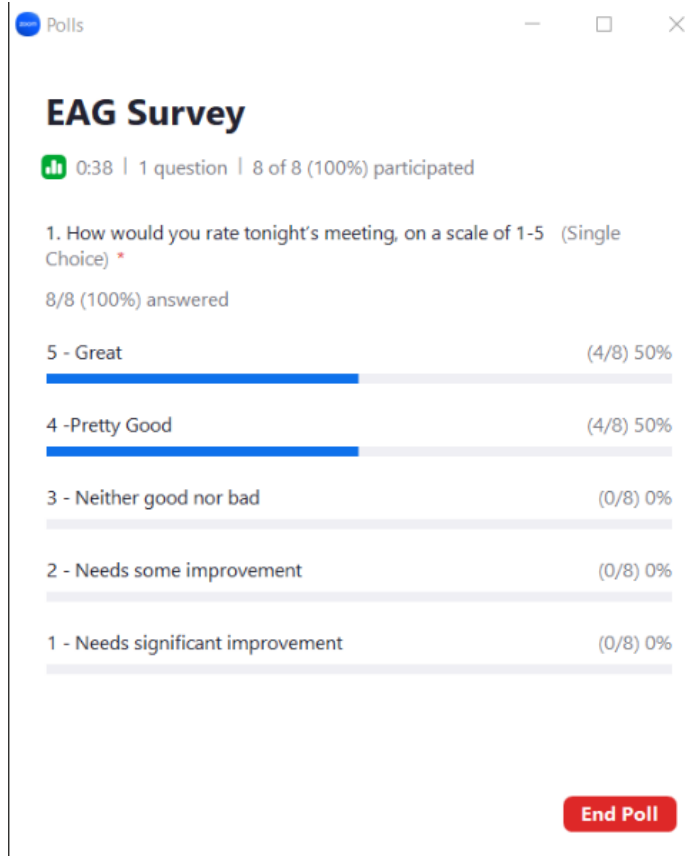
## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Jake Warr, IBR Equity Lead, discussed KPIs and reviewed each of the draft KPIs that were developed by the EAG in the previous meeting. Jake walked the group through the table that was created with all the different KPIs to ensure that they make sense and accurately reflect the feedback that the EAG has given so far, and to answer any questions from the group. EAG members offered input to further refine the details of the KPIs and measures. Jake shared that the Equity Team will continue working through the EAG's feedback and update the KPI chart, which will be brought back before the EAG once it is closer to being ready to finalize.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Claire Devroede, a community member, asked if any calculations have been made about building light rail or rapid bus lines through the program area and their feasibility. Jake shared information about the IBR program's assessment of light rail performance vs. bus rapid transit, and that the light rail option is moving forward into the environmental review phase.

## MEETING EVALUATION POLL



## ADJOURN

- Next EAG meeting: January 23, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Following EAG meeting: February 20, 2023

## ATTENDEES

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
<b>EAG Members</b>	
John Gardner	TriMet
Tanya Adams	WSP
Meg Johnson	Community Member
Shane Valle	Portland Bureau of Transportation
Shona Carter	Community Foundation of SW Washington
Jennifer Campos	RTC
Matt Serres	Disability Rights Oregon
Jonathan Eder	Port of Vancouver
Andre Bealer	Metro
Aidan Gronauer	WSDOT
Sokho Eath	Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
Obie Ford III	WSU Vancouver
John Gardner	TriMet
<b>IBR Staff</b>	
Jake Warr	Equity Lead
Emilee Thomas Peralta	Equity Team
Millicent Williams	Communications
Johnell Bell	Principal Equity Officer
Lauren Shimer	Tech support

Attendees	Organization/Affiliation
Dr. Roberta Hunte	Facilitator
Greg Johnson	Program Administrator

## MEETING RECORDING AND MATERIALS

### Meeting Recording

A recording of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rsd-1ljddRk>

### Meeting Materials

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