Equity Advisory Group

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Today's agenda

▶ **Program Administrator update**

▶ **EAG workplan status**

▶ **Review & discuss updated draft definition of Equity**

▶ **Review updated Equity Objectives**

▶ **Continue discussion on measuring success (performance measures)**

▶ **Public comment**

▶ **Wrap up**

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Program Administrator Update

Four Environmental Process Pathways

▶ **Step 1: Re-evaluation**

Determine whether

a) the previous NEPA decision, analysis, and documentation are still valid, OR

b) additional analysis is required to advance the project.

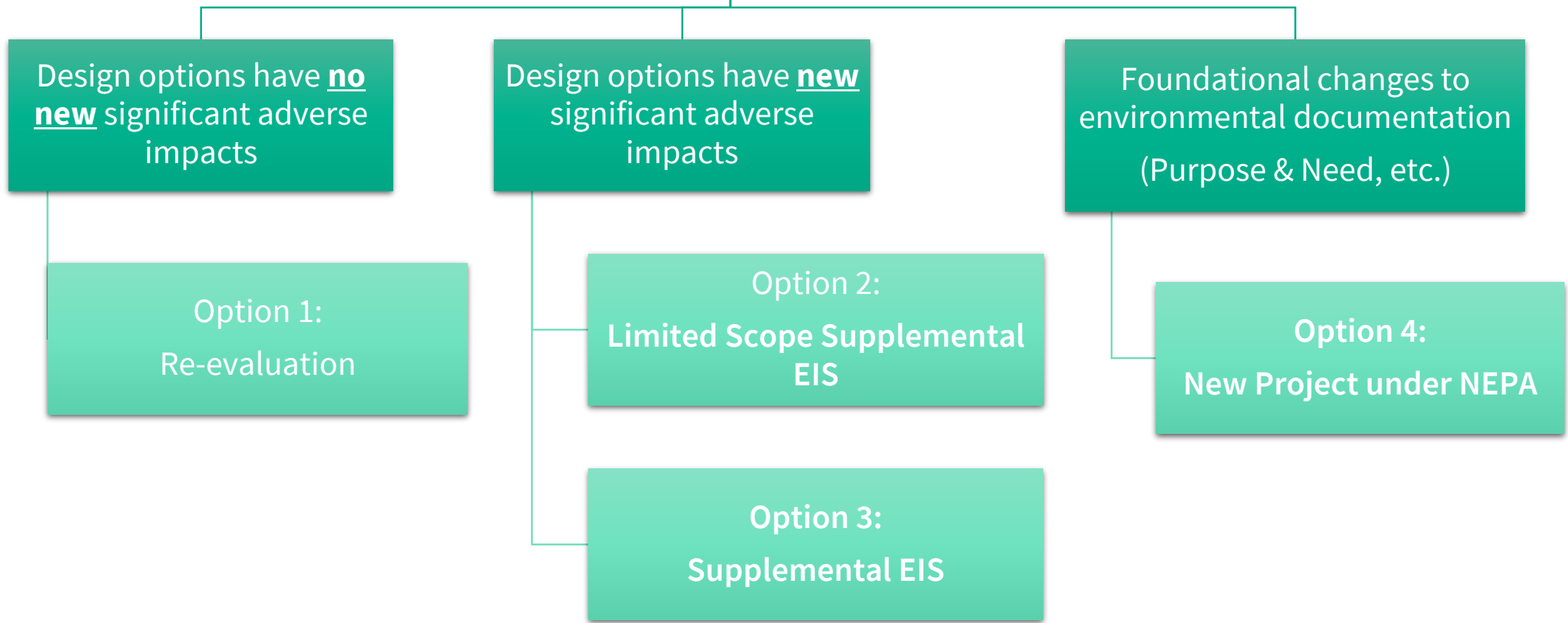− *If additional analysis is required, a re-evaluation helps identify what level of analysis is needed.*

▶ **Step 2: 1 of 4 pathways**

− Option 1: Re-evaluation only

− Option 2: A limited scope supplemental EIS

− Option 3: A supplemental EIS

− Option 4: Rescind the 2011 Record of Decision and restart the NEPA process.

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EAG Workplan

Where we are, where we're going

Program timeline refresher

We are here

| 2004 | 2014 | 2019 | 2024 | 2025 |

Prior planning efforts | IBR Program Planning and Environmental | Design | Construction

Where we've been | *Where we are* | *Where we are going*

Community Engagement | Community Engagement

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EAG Workplan (April – August 2021)

- ▶ Refine & recommend program **Equity Definition**

- ▶ Refine overarching **Equity Objectives**

- ▶ Develop and recommend **performance measures** (measures of success)

- ▶ Provide **design recommendations** & feedback based on definition, objectives

- ▶ Inform **screening criteria** (how we evaluate design options)

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Equity Definition Update

Changes since last version

What's the same:

▸ Defined in terms of both Process & Outcomes

▸ Economic and transportation benefits are the core outcome

What's new:

▸ Separate equity definition and equity commitment (to be refined)

▸ Revamped definition of "Process Equity"

▸ Defines "marginalized and underserved communities"

▸ "Together, Process Equity and Outcome Equity contribute to addressing the impacts of and removing long standing injustices experienced by these communities."

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Updated draft definition, pt. 1

The Interstate Bridge Replacement program defines equity in terms of both process and outcomes.

Process Equity means that the program prioritizes access, influence, and decision-making power for marginalized and underserved communities throughout the program in establishing objectives, design, implementation, and evaluation of success.

Outcome Equity is the result of successful Process Equity and is demonstrated by tangible transportation and economic benefits for marginalized and underserved communities.

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Updated draft definition, pt. 2

Marginalized and underserved communities are defined as those who experience and/or have experienced discrimination and exclusion based on identity, such as:

- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
- People with disabilities
- Communities with limited English proficiency (LEP)
- Persons with lower income
- Houseless individuals and families
- Immigrants and refugees
- Young people
- Older adults

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Discussion

▶ Is this definition consistent with the equity direction we'd like to see in the IBR program?

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Vote

Do you support recommending this definition to the IBR Program Administrator?

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Performance Measures & Equity Objectives

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Process to Update Environmental Documentation

Feedback and recommendations from:
ESG, CAG, EAG, Community Engagement

EVALUATE PRIOR PLANNING

Purpose and Need

Vision and Values

Columbia River Crossing Public Process (2005 – 2011)
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What has changed?
Community values, data and analysis, land use, planning and regulatory, policies and goals

Establish program commitments, objectives, and community priorities

Develop performance measures and design option screening criteria

Identify design options

Screen design options

Define design options for IBR

Re-evaluation of changes to determine impacts
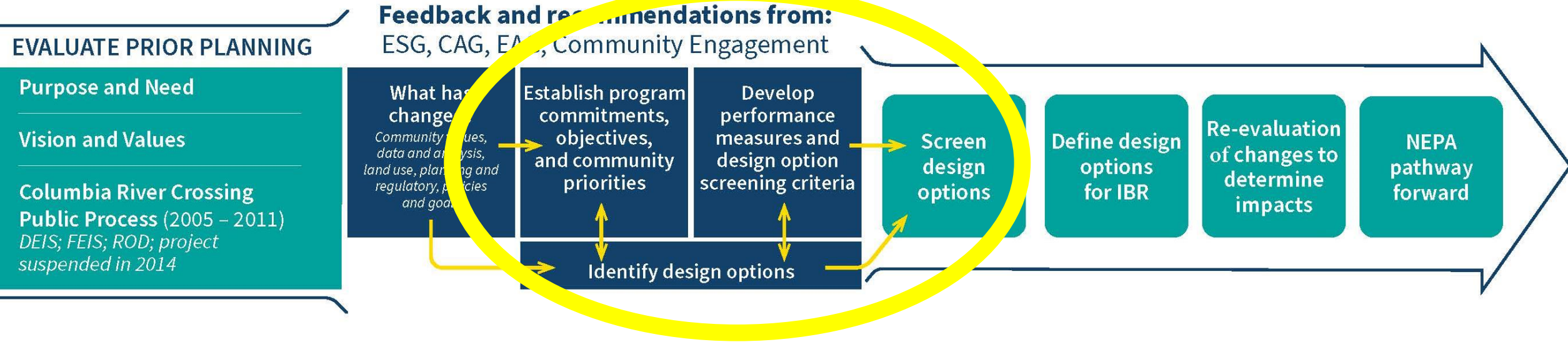
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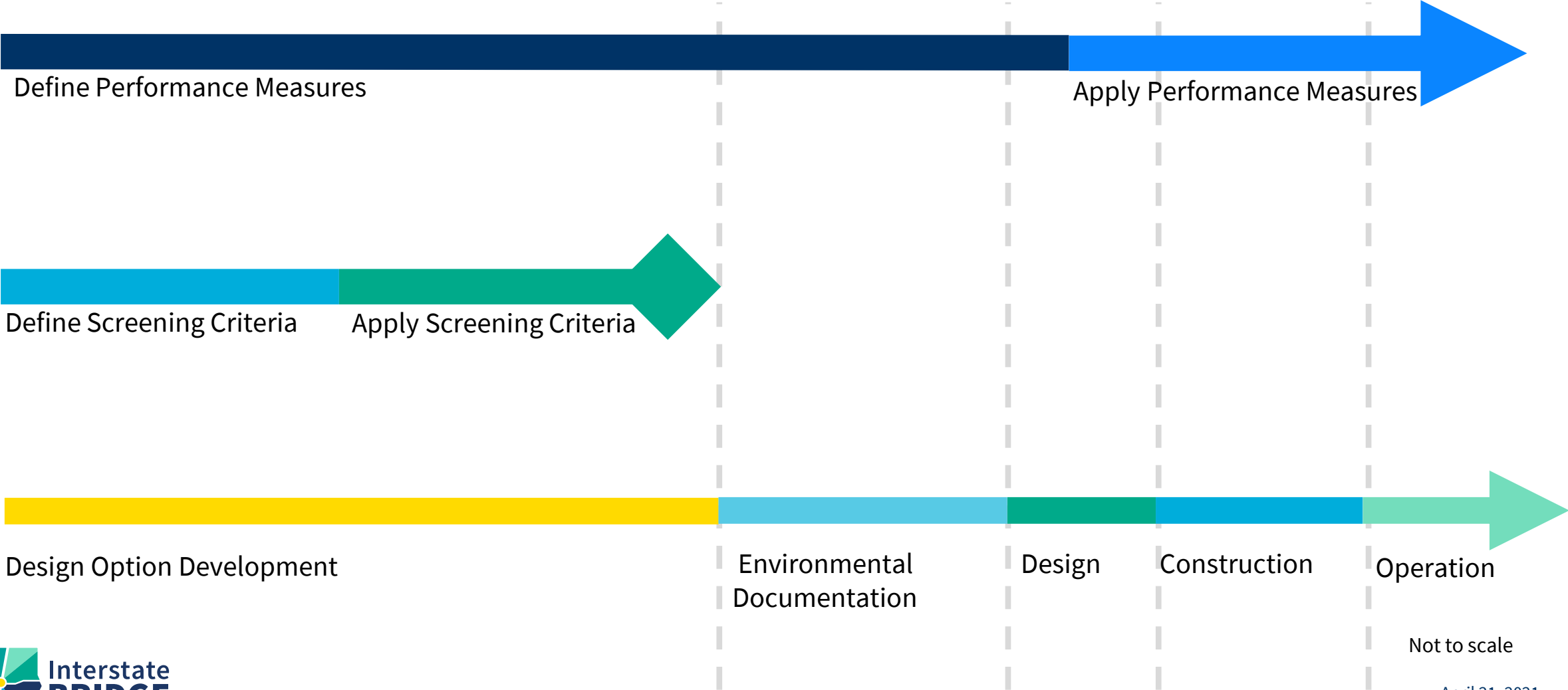
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Performance Measures vs. Screening Criteria

▸ ***Program-level performance measures*** are indicators that will be used to measure the IBR program's success over the lifespan of the program.

▸ *Screening criteria* are used to assess the level of performance or potential impacts among the design options considered.

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Performance Measure/Screening Criteria Development and Application Timeline

Define Performance Measures

Apply Performance Measures

Define Screening Criteria

Apply Screening Criteria

Design Option Development

Environmental Documentation

Design

Construction

Operation

Not to scale

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Draft Equity Objectives

| Mobility & Accessibility	Physical Design	Community Benefits	Economic opportunity	Decision-making processes	Avoiding further harm
Improve mobility, accessibility, and connectivity in the program area, with a particular focus on the needs of lower income travelers, people with disabilities, and communities who experience transportation barriers related to the location of affordable housing options.	Integrate equity into the physical design elements of the program.	Find opportunities for and implement local community improvements, in addition to required mitigations.	Ensure that economic opportunities generated by the program, including contracting and workforce development, substantially benefit minority and women owned firms, workers of color, workers with disabilities, and young people.	Meaningfully share access, participation, influence, and decision-making power with historically marginalized communities throughout the course of the program.	Avoid disproportionate impacts on communities of concern while implementing substantial mitigations for any unavoidable, but proportional, impacts.

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Example

Objective category	Performance measure (concept)
Mobility & Accessibility	Proximity of transit station locations to areas with high concentrations of low-income households

General Program Area
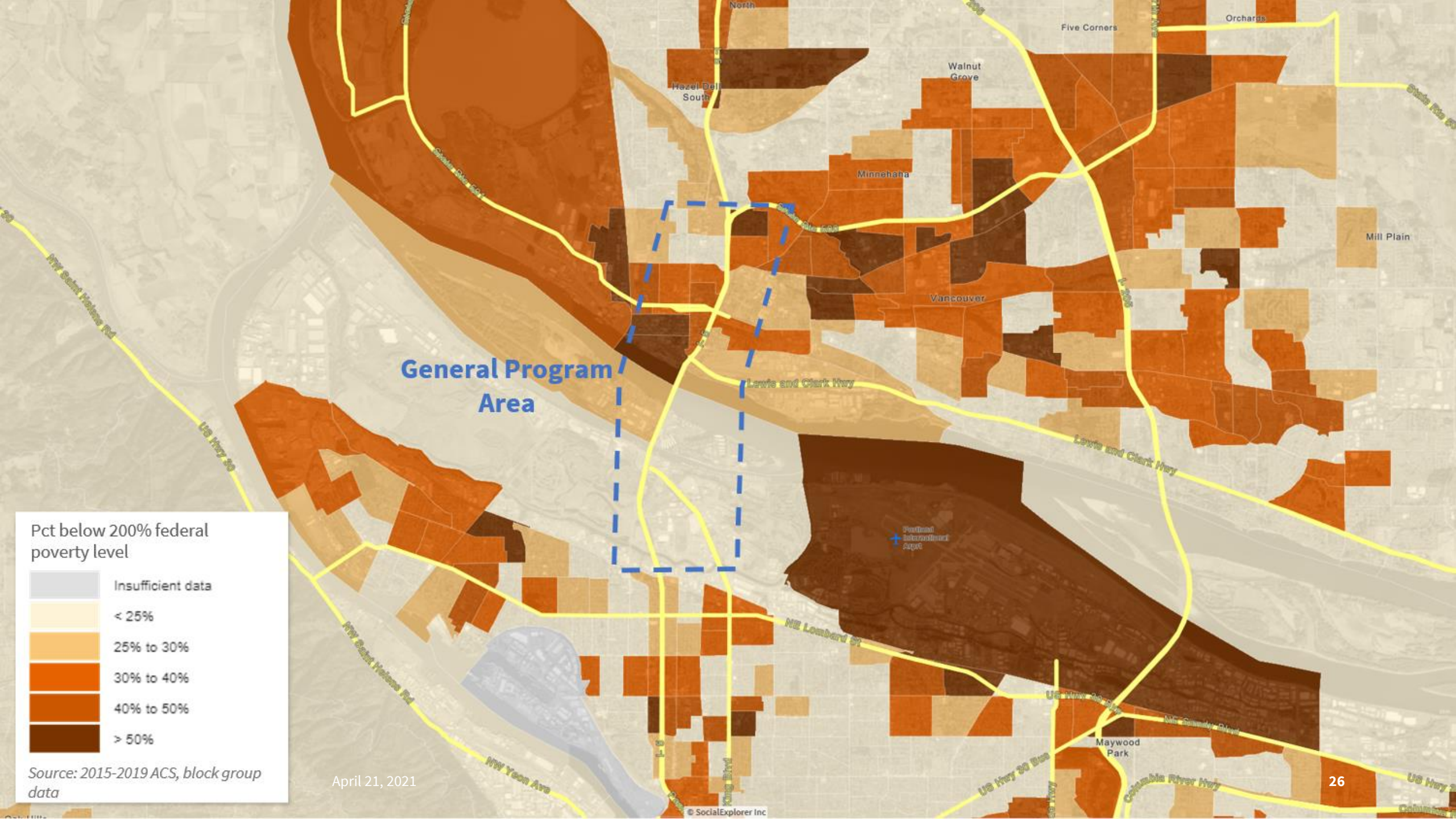
Pct below 200% federal poverty level

- Insufficient data
- < 25%
- 25% to 30%
- 30% to 40%
- 40% to 50%
- > 50%
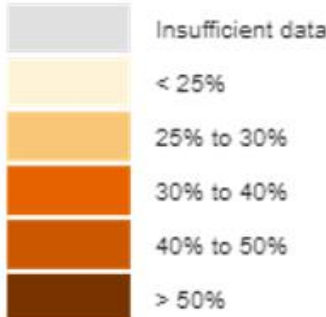
Source: 2015-2019 ACS, block group data

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Small group discussions

▸ To discuss regarding each of the two objective categories your group is assigned:

1. What outcomes do we want to see under this category?

2. What potential performance measures come to mind that would tell us how successful we've been in achieving the objective?

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Small Group Discussion

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Public comment

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  ▸ Meeting ID: 986 0940 5983

  ▸ Passcode: 701376

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▸ Dial *6 to unmute yourself

▸ 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.

Raise Hand

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Wrap up

- Takeaways

- Next meeting: Monday May 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Thank you!