



## Community Benefits Advisory Group Meeting



October 26, 2023

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- There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today (around 11:15 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.
  - Commenters will not be allowed to share their screens and will be removed from the room once the public comment period concludes.
- To comment by phone:
  - Dial: +1 646 931 3860 US or 408-638-0968
  - Enter meeting ID: 823 5803 3783, passcode: 385815
  - Dial \*9 to raise your hand
  - After you are invited to speak, dial \*6 to unmute yourself.









### **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.
- Participate by sharing your response in the chat, taking written notes, or by raising your hand to speak
- Welcome diverse perspectives; it's okay to disagree
- Move Up, Move Up
- Assume and have good intentions



# When a CBAG member is approached by the news media

- Note the name and contact information of the journalist, and the name of the news outlet
- Provide this information to the IBR program Public Information Officer, Kelliann Amico at <u>kelliann.amico@interstatebridge.org</u> or 503-897-9218





## Welcome CBAG Members

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator



## **Meeting Agenda**

| Time       | Торіс   |
|------------|---|
| 9:30 a.m.  | <ul><li>Call to Order</li><li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li></ul>   |
| 9:50 a.m.  | <ul> <li>Meeting Overview</li> <li>Program Update</li> <li>Feedback on Charter <ul> <li>Practice Fist to Five</li> </ul> </li> </ul>              |
| 10:00 a.m. | <ul> <li>Community Benefit Examples Presentation         <ul> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| 10:15 a.m. | <ul> <li>Small group discussion –- Have we captured elements that would be<br/>meaningful for your community and the program corridor?</li> </ul> |
| 10:45 a.m. | <ul> <li>Large group report         <ul> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| 11:15 a.m. | Public comment  |
| 11:25 a.m. | Closing   |



## **CBAG Sharing**

- Welcome
  - Greg Johnson, Program Administrator
  - Commissioner Mapps, City of Portland
  - Eric Holmes, City of Vancouver
- Introductions CBAG Members
  - Please introduce your name, organizational affiliation or at large status, and pronouns
  - What is one thing that you are looking forward to the most in the next week?





## Feedback on Charter



### **Modified Consensus Decision Making Model**

Which best describes your level of agreement?







## **Program Update**

#### Greg Johnson, Program Administrator



## **Recent Program Updates**

#### Program Tours

- WA Transportation Commission
- WA Joint Transportation Committee
- OR and WA State Public Transportation **Conference tour**
- Congressional Roundtable

#### Recent Presentations

- Western Bridge Engineers Seminar
- Hazel Dell / Salmon Creek Business Association
- Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
- Oregon State Building and Construction Trades
- Clark County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS)
- Portland Freight Advisory Committee



























### Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

- Supplements (or builds on) past NEPA documents and decisions
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (2008)
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement & Record of Decision (2011)
  - Two re-evaluations (2012, 2013)
- SEIS focuses analysis on components that have changed since prior planning efforts

#### **Draft SEIS**

#### Evaluates two alternatives

- Updated No Build Alternative
- Modified LPA

#### Design is conceptual

- General alignments and locations of transportation facilities
- Impacts and benefits
  - Mix of quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Mitigation
  - Proposed measures to address unavoidable adverse impacts where possible



### **Program Schedule**



#### Working draft: 10.13.2023. Schedule will be updated as needed to reflect program changes and timeline.

\*Partner agencies confirmed their support for foundational program investments identified in the Modified LPA (Locally Preferred Alternative) to advance for further study in Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

\*\* The public comment period will extend for 60 days. Following public review of the Draft SEIS, refinements will be made to address comments and a corridor-wide alternative for analysis in the Final SEIS will be confirmed.

### **SEIS Process**

- The IBR program is studying the Modified LPA and a No-Build Alternative to understand the effects of each alternative on the natural and built environment
  - The Modified LPA is not the final design but identifies key elements to study in the SEIS process
- The results of the analysis will be published in the Draft SEIS in early 2024
  - All of the findings will be published for public review and comment
  - No decisions or changes to elements of the Modified LPA will be made until after all information is disclosed publicly and there has been time for community and partner feedback
- The program anticipates publishing the Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision in late 2024 or early 2025
  - Additional analysis will be completed to confirm that the Modified LPA can adequately address Purpose and Need
  - Additional refinements and adjustments can be made to the Modified LPA in response to public comments and other design considerations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts identified in the Draft SEIS
  - Include additional regulatory compliance activities and findings
  - Commit to specific mitigation





## **IBR Community Benefits Examples**

Shannon Singleton, IBR Community Benefits Lead

Emilee Thomas Peralta, IBR Equity Team



#### Examples of Community Benefits– Elements Included in Program Investments

#### Mobility and Accessibility

- Place wayfinding signs to and through the project limits
- Apply ADA standards to temporary and new pedestrian ramps

#### Avoid Further Harm

- Perform preconstruction noise analysis in program area
- Perform air quality analysis in the program area
- Impacts to private properties to historically underserved and underrepresented communities shall be avoided or minimized



- Mobility and Accessibility
  - Repair/resurface portions of local network damaged by IBR construction
  - Connect to transit service improvements
- Avoid Further Harm
  - Consider monitoring for noise, vibration, and air quality
  - Consider mitigating impacts to homes by noise and dust levels during construction
  - Coordinate with the contractor to mitigate dirt, mud, etc from leaving jobsite via washing area(s)
  - Mitigate for impacts caused by construction



#### Physical Design

- Create a combined Welcome Center/ODOT port of entry facility that may include:
  - A curated display of the history of the region
  - Approved cultural materials
  - Photo documentation of the existing bridge
  - Salvaged plaques from the existing bridge
- Incorporate history and culture into the design of the Modified LPA.
  - History of the program area
  - Historical impacts to Tribal governments and BIPOC communities
  - Various cultural perspectives and uses of the bridge today and in the future



- Mobility and Accessibility
  - Design active transportation facilities to create a comfortable, lowstress experience, prioritizing the safety of vulnerable users and providing convenient access from the local network to new facilities.
  - Create bicycle amenities (repair kiosks, etc.)
- Community Benefits
  - Create riverfront public access points if/where feasible
  - Create open spaces for canoe/kayak landing areas/accessibility on both sides of the river



#### Avoid Further Harm

- Local Small Business support for those impacted during construction (ex: buy local for project, marketing signage, ensure access to businesses).
- Dashboard showing results and subsequent actions to mitigate.
- Contractor to install several electric charging stations to encourage the use of low/no emission vehicles on the site.
- Develop a construction requirements to reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and carbon footprint during construction.
- 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.



## **Small Group Discussion**

- Discussion Question:
  - Have we captured elements that would be meaningful for your community and the program corridor?





## Breakout Session in Progress We will return in 30 minutes.





## Large Group Report





## What's Next?



## **CBAG Workplan**

- November 2023
  - Visioning and Community Benefits
- December 2023
  - Potential CBAG Framework Elements
- January 2024
  - Final recommendations on 1st group of framework elements
- February 2024
  - Framework elements: Mobility and Accessibility
- March 2024
  - Framework elements: Community Benefits
- April 2024
  - Framework elements: Avoid further harm



## **Next Program Meetings**

- Community Advisory Group (CAG)
  - November 9, 2023 4:00-6:00 PM
- Community Benefit Advisory Group (CBAG)
  - November 16, 2023 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
- Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
  - November 20, 2023 5:30-7:30 PM





## **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.





## Wrap up

#### Final Thoughts







## Thank you!

