



Community Benefits Advisory Group Meeting

December 14, 2023



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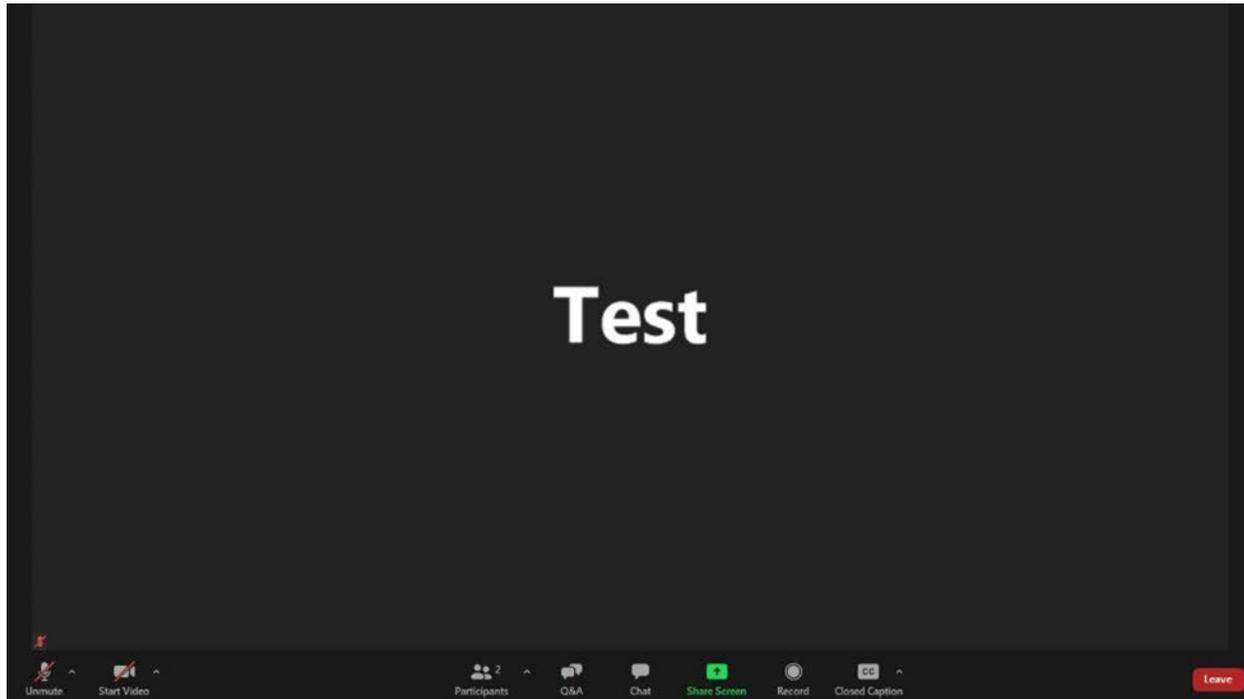
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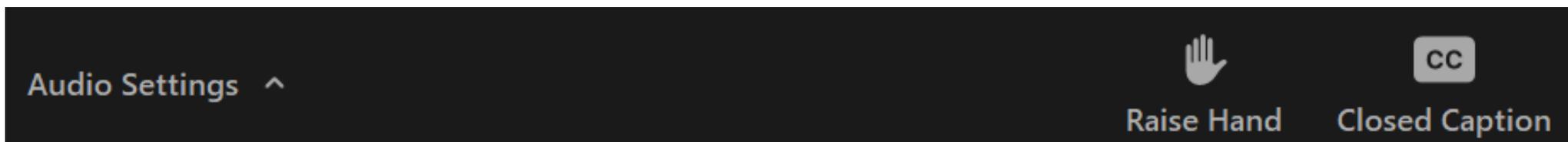
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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input in the meeting today (around 11:25 AM).
- ▶ Verbal public comment will be welcome in the Zoom webinar during the designated time, with the option to turn on your camera.
 - Please use the 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:**
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 - Dial *9 to raise your hand
 - After you are invited to speak, dial *6 to unmute yourself.





Welcome CBAG Members

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

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.
- ▶ Virtual participant can participate by taking written notes, and using the 'Raise Hand' and 'Speak' features for active engagement
- ▶ Welcome diverse perspectives; it's okay to disagree
- ▶ Move Up, Move Up
- ▶ Assume and have good intentions

CBAG Sharing

- ▶ Welcome

- Greg Johnson, Program Administrator
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle, City of Vancouver
- Commissioner Mapps, City of Portland

- ▶ Introductions – CBAG Members

- Please introduce your name, organizational affiliation or at large status, and pronouns

Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Welcome & Introductions• Meeting overview and outcomes
10:25 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment
10:35 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program update
10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Q&A
11:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small group discussion to review and edit recommendations from October meeting
11:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large group report
11:55 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing & next steps

Public Comment

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- ▶ The facilitator will call on participants to provide comment
- ▶ 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.



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.



Program Update

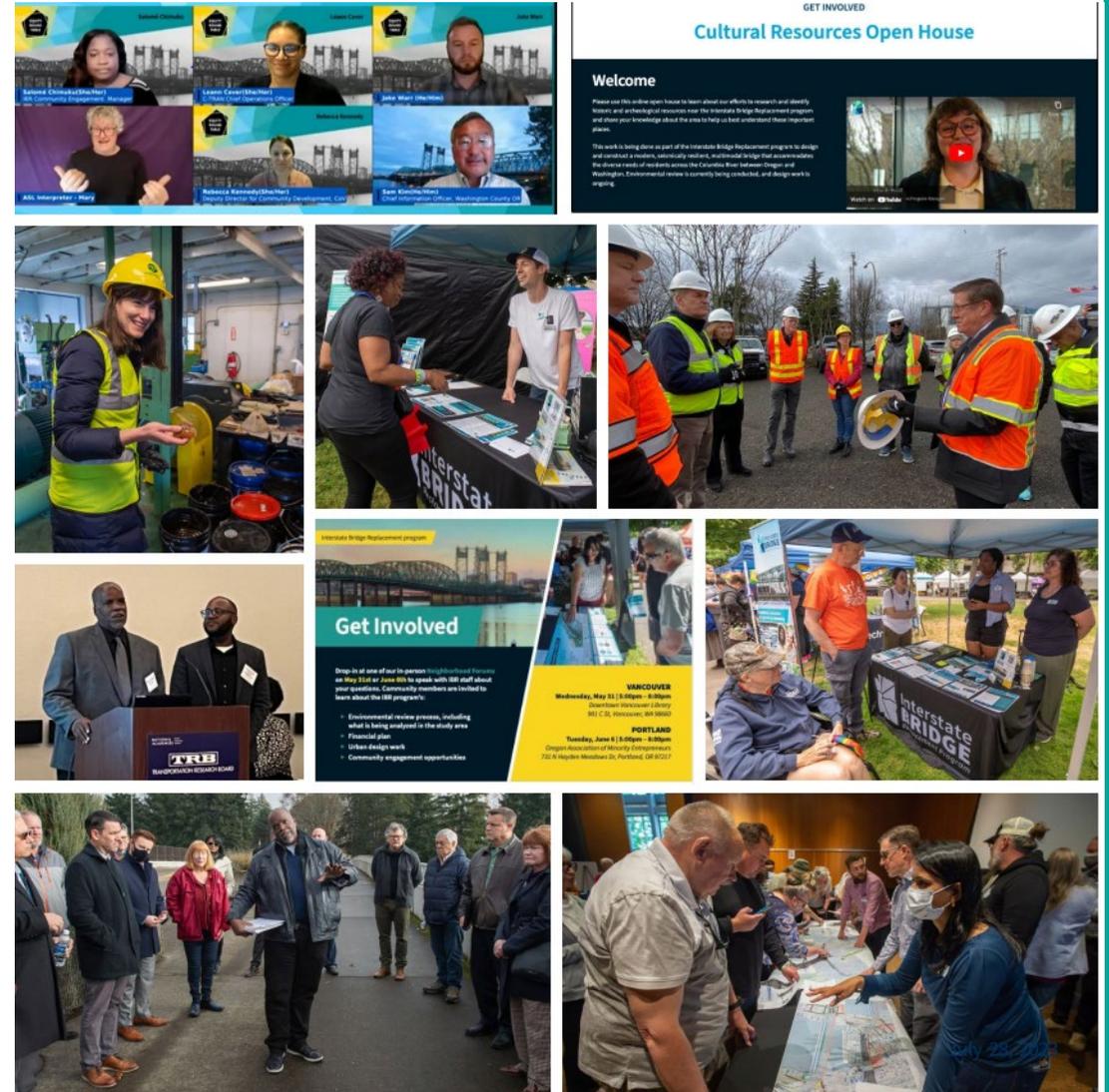
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Recent Program Updates

► Community Presentations:

- Arnada Neighborhood Association
- City of Portland Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committees
- Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium
- C-TRAN's Citizen Advisory Committee
- Urban Design Panel
- Vancouver City Council Forum (Tabling)
- Washington Public Ports Association Annual Meeting
- IBR Virtual Public Briefing
- IBR/CBO Listening Session (Multilingual)

► Focus for 2024



Recent Program Updates

► Federal Grant Update

- Mega Grant award announcements expected in early 2024
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application submitted and announcements expected in mid-2024

► Governor Jay Inslee Visit

- Highlighting the need for the program and the importance of federal funding

► Bi-State Legislative Committee

- Nov. 28, upcoming Dec. 15
- Video recordings and meeting materials available online
- www.interstatebridge.org/calendar





Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Chris Regan, Environmental Manager

SEIS Process

- ▶ **The IBR program is studying the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative and a No-Build Alternative to understand the effects of each on the community and environment**
 - The Modified LPA is not the final design but identifies key elements to study in the SEIS process
 - Draft SEIS presents the specific design components of the Modified LPA and the potential impacts, benefits and mitigation
- ▶ **The results of the analysis will be published in the Draft SEIS**
 - All findings will be available for public review and comment
 - No decisions or changes to elements of the Modified LPA will be made until all of the information is disclosed publicly and there has been time for community feedback
 - Additional refinements and adjustments can be made to the proposed program investments in response to public comments and other design considerations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts identified in the Draft SEIS
- ▶ **Next steps after the public comment period ends include publishing a Final SEIS and Record of Decision**

Alternatives and Design Options

► Modified Locally Preferred Alternative

- Modified LPA will be compared to the No-Build Alternative
 - Full program alternative that includes the corridor-wide multimodal improvements
- Design Options
 - Options considered for specific locations or components
 - Options can represent “bookends” that will be evaluated in the Draft SEIS
 - After the public comments are reviewed, many options will be narrowed to a single solution, which may be a specific option evaluated or a solution that is between the “bookends”

► No-Build Alternative

- None of the improvements associated with Modified LPA would be implemented
- Other planned projects that are independent of the IBR program would proceed

► Each alternative is a future condition – conditions projected to occur in 2045 (this is called the design horizon)

Conceptual Design

General alignments and locations of transportation facilities

Design Options

- Bridge configurations
- Auxiliary lanes
- I-5 Alignment in Downtown Vancouver
- C Street Ramps
- Park and Rides at transit stations

Modified LPA Components



Draft SEIS Contents

- ▶ **Summary**
- ▶ **Front Matter**
- ▶ **Ch 1. Purpose & Need**
- ▶ **Ch 2. Alternatives**
- ▶ **Ch 3. Existing Conditions and Environmental Consequences**
 - 3.01 Transportation
 - 3.02 Aviation & Navigation
 - 3.03 Acquisitions & Displacements
 - 3.04 Land Use & Economic Activity
 - 3.05 Neighborhoods & Equity
 - 3.06 Public Service & Utilities
 - 3.07 Parks & Recreation
 - 3.08 Cultural Resources
 - 3.09 Visual Quality
 - 3.10 Air Quality
 - 3.11 Noise & Vibration
 - 3.12 Energy
 - 3.13 Electric & Magnetic Fields
 - 3.14 Water Quality & Hydrology
 - 3.15 Wetlands and Waters
 - 3.16 Ecosystems
 - 3.17 Geology & Groundwater
 - 3.18 Hazardous Materials
 - 3.19 Climate
 - 3.20 Environmental Justice
 - 3.21 Section 6(f) & Federal Lands to Parks
 - 3.22 Cumulative Effects
- ▶ **Ch 4. Financial Analysis**
- ▶ **Ch 5. Section 4(f) Evaluation**
- ▶ **Appendices**
 - A. Agency & Tribal Coordination
 - B. Public Involvement
 - C. Concept Design Drawings
 - D. Design Option Development and Screening Report
 - E. References
 - F. List of Preparers
 - G. List of Draft SEIS Recipients
 - H. List of Technical Reports
 - I. Glossary
 - J. Index

Draft SEIS – What is Evaluated?

► Impacts and benefits

- Mix of quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Long-term direct effects
- Short-term construction effects
- Indirect effects (occur farther in distance or further in time)
- Cumulative effects (program effects in combination with past, present and future effects from other actions)

► Mitigation

- Proposed measures to address unavoidable adverse impacts where possible
 - *Regulatory and Best Management Practices*
 - *Project-specific mitigation*

The CBAG's Role with the DRAFT SEIS

- ▶ Help spread the word with your respective communities about the Draft SEIS becoming available for public comment and the importance of providing public comment to shape decisions that advance to the Final SEIS and Record of Decision.
 - 60-day public comment period
 - In-person and online opportunities to receive information, ask questions, and submit comments
- ▶ Public comment provides valuable information for the program to work with local, state, and federal agency partners to make key decisions about the program's design.
- ▶ Provide your own public comment on the Draft SEIS.

Draft SEIS Timeline

- ▶ **Expected release of the Draft SEIS: Spring 2024**
 - 60-day public comment period
- ▶ **Community engagement efforts leading up to and/or during the public comment period will include a range of activities such as:**
 - Advisory group meetings
 - Neighborhood association meetings and forums
 - Public briefings and events held with CBOs and other partners
 - Public open houses/hearings
- ▶ **Refinements to Draft SEIS addressing public feedback: Mid-Late 2024**
 - A corridor-wide alternative for analysis in the Final SEIS will be confirmed
- ▶ **Final SEIS and Record of Decision (ROD): Late 2024 to Early 2025**

Upcoming Decisions for the Final SEIS

- ▶ **The Draft SEIS, public comments and coordination with agencies and tribes will inform the following program decisions:**
 - Bridge configurations
 - *Double-deck fixed-span*
 - *Single-level fixed-span*
 - *Single level with a moveable span over primary navigation channel*
 - One or two auxiliary lanes in each direction of I-5
 - With or without C Street on- and off-ramps to I-5 in downtown Vancouver
 - Centered or westward shift of I-5 between SR 14 and Evergreen Blvd.
 - Possible park and ride facilities at new Waterfront and/or Evergreen transit stations

Discussion

- ▶ **How can we help the community prepare for the Draft SEIS?**
 - Access to the Draft SEIS document
 - Understand the No-Build Alternative and Modified LPA
 - Find information in the Draft SEIS
 - Understand potential impacts, benefits and mitigation
 - Provide comments on Draft SEIS information
 - Other
- ▶ **What information is most important for the public to understand about the Draft SEIS document?**

The CBAG's Role with the Final SEIS

- ▶ Identify community benefits for the IBR program to consider and advance recommendations for design and environmental analysis
- ▶ Review design and environmental analysis findings on community benefits and refine recommendations
- ▶ IBR program will identify the venue for committing to these benefits, such as:
 - Final SEIS
 - Construction specifications
 - Procurement requirements and goals
 - Other agreements



Breakout Session in Progress

We will return in 25 minutes.

Large Group Report

What's Next?

CBAG Workplan

- ▶ January 2024
 - Final recommendations on the first group of framework elements
- ▶ February 2024
 - Framework elements: Mobility and Accessibility
- ▶ March 2024
 - Framework elements: Community benefits
- ▶ April 2024
 - Framework elements: Avoid further harm
- ▶ May 2024
 - Framework elements: Physical Design
- ▶ June 2024
 - Framework elements: Mobility and Accessibility

Next Program Meetings

- ▶ Community Advisory Group (CAG)
 - December 14, 2023 – 4:00-6:00 PM
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
 - December 18, 2023 – 5:30-7:00 PM
- ▶ Community Benefits Advisory Group (CBAG)
 - January 25, 2024 – 9:30-11:30 AM

Wrap up

Final Thoughts



Thank you!



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