



IBR Executive Steering Group Meeting

May 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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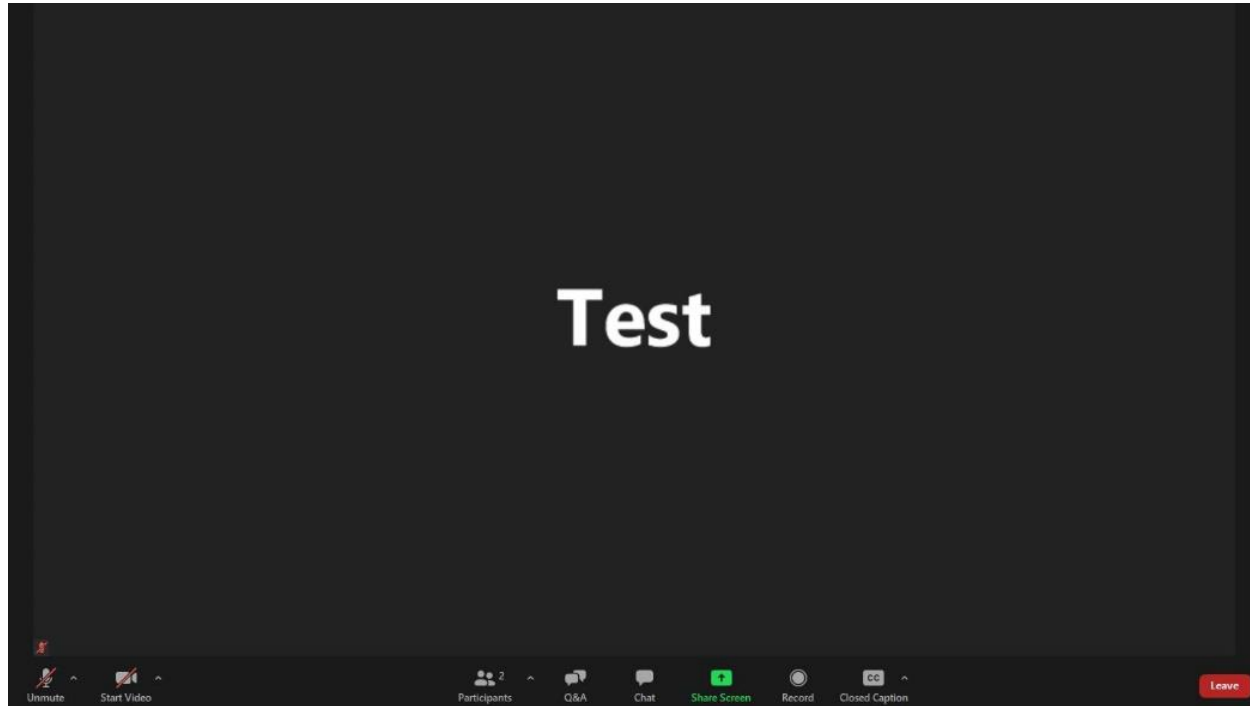
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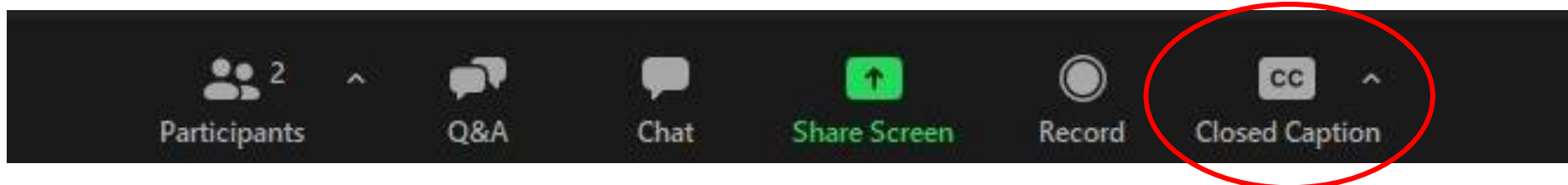
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- ▶ We encourage panelists to turn on your video.
- ▶ Please keep your audio on mute when not speaking.
- ▶ Before speaking, please state your name and affiliation to help attendees identify who is talking.
- ▶ If you experience technical difficulties, please contact program staff at:
(360) 329-6744

Meeting Ground Rules

- ▶ Honor the agenda
- ▶ Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- ▶ Hard on the problems, soft on the people
- ▶ Address interests and seek common ground
- ▶ Provide a balance of speaking time



Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:20 am	Welcome, Acknowledgements, Agenda Review, Partner Updates
10:20 – 10:40 am	Program Updates
10:40 – 11:20 am	Bridge Visualizations
11:20 – 11:35 am	Draft SEIS Process and Next Steps
11:35 – 11:45 am	Public Comment
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Confirmation of Upcoming Meeting Dates/Topics, Next Steps and Summary
12:00 pm	Meeting Adjourned



Welcome & Acknowledgements

Introduction of Participating ESG Members

Program Updates

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Ray Mabey, Assistant Program Administrator (OR)

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator (WA)

Lynn Valenter, Community Advisory Group (CAG) Co-Chair

Recent Program Updates

- ▶ **Cost and Funding Web Page**
- ▶ **IBR Tolling Authorization (WA)**
- ▶ **Federal Grant Update**
- ▶ **Permitting Update**
- ▶ **Presentations**
 - Association of General Contractors-Oregon
 - Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
 - 24th Annual East European Youth Leadership Conference
 - Oregon Trucking Association
 - American Planning Association Conference
 - Oregon Environmental Council

Advisory Group Updates

▶ Equity in Urban Design

- Members shared what makes them feel safe in various places
 - *Some shared places that feel unwelcoming due to cost of shops, restaurants, etc.*
 - *Some shared that lighting and visibility make places feel safe*
 - *Some shared that wide pathways feel welcoming and safe*
- CAG Co-chair shared personal story of Vanport and the lasting impacts on the Black community

▶ Reviewed planned community engagement events

- CAG and EAG members to join IBR staff members at summer events

Bridge Visualizations

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Brad Phillips, IBR Design Lead

NEPA Process Update

Angela Findley, Environmental Lead

Supplemental EIS Timeline

▶ Draft SEIS: 2023

- Prepare Technical Reports: **Fall 2022-Spring 2023**
- Develop Draft SEIS: **Spring-Fall 2023**
- Distribute Draft SEIS for Public Review: **Late 2023**

▶ 60-day Public Comment Period

- Hold public hearing(s) and other community engagement activities

▶ Final SEIS: 2024

- Review and address public comments
- Develop and Publish Final SEIS and Record of Decision

National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106

Initiate the Process

- Program has impacts to historic properties
- Identify involved parties

Identify Historic Properties

- Determine APE
- Identify historic properties
- On-line open house
- Determine National Register of Historic Properties eligibility

Assess Adverse Effects

- Apply criteria to assess effects
- Findings: no effect, no adverse effect, or adverse effect

Resolve Adverse Effects

- Modify design to avoid or minimize effects
- Prepare Programmatic Agreement to resolve adverse effects

We are here

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Questions or Feedback?



Opportunity for Public Input

Public Input Instructions

- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
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Comment Instructions

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- ▶ If you have joined by Zoom, click “Raise Hand.”
- ▶ If you have joined by phone, press *9 to raise your hand.
- ▶ The facilitator will call on participants. You will receive an “unmute” request. Please accept it. If you are commenting by phone dial *6 to unmute.
- ▶ Please provide your name and affiliation.
- ▶ Attendees will be allocated up to 2 minutes for public comment depending on the number of commenters up to a total of 10 minutes.



If we run out of time and you have not had a chance to speak, you can still provide comments after the meeting.

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- ▶ All written comments must be received prior to 48 hours in advance of each upcoming meeting in order to be distributed to ESG members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting. All comments are posted on the IBR website.



Confirm Upcoming Meeting Dates/Topics, Next Steps and Summary

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Shannon Singleton, Community Engagement Lead

Millicent Williams, Facilitator

Upcoming Neighborhood Forums

- ▶ **In-person Neighborhood Forums to give community members and businesses the opportunity to speak directly with IBR staff**
 - **Downtown Vancouver Library (Vancouver):** 5/31 from 5 – 8pm
 - **Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (Portland):** 6/6 from 5 – 8pm
- ▶ **Provide the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about:**
 - What is being studied in the federal environmental review process and when the public can provide input
 - Program timeline and milestones
 - Financial plan
 - Upcoming design work
 - Future opportunities for community engagement

Upcoming Events

► Fairs & Festivals (confirmed)

– Vancouver:

- Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG) Resource Fair – June 3rd
- Vancouver Pride – July 8th
- Vancouver Farmer's Market at Esther Short Park - October 21st

– Portland:

- Juneteenth – June 17th/18th
- Sunday Parkways – June 25th
- Kenton Farmer's Market – August





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