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ESG Meeting

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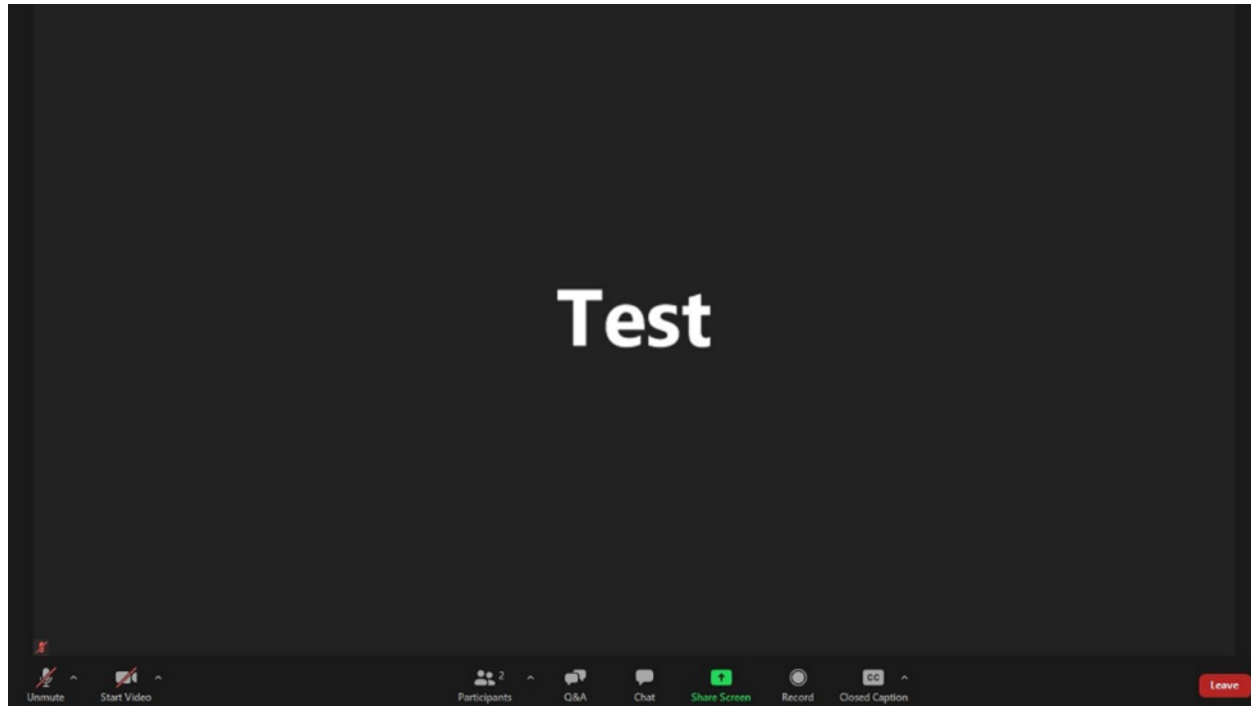
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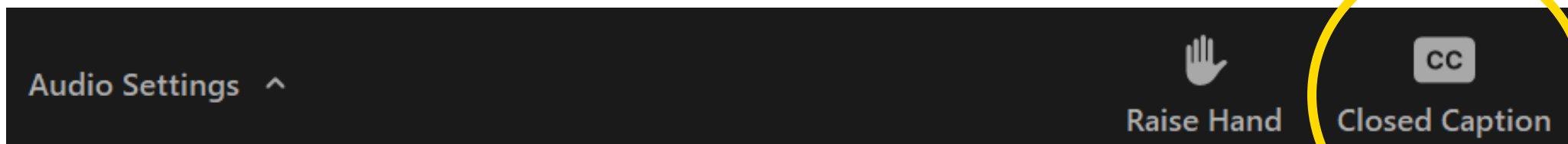
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- ▶ Before speaking, please state your name and affiliation to help attendees identify who is talking.
- ▶ If you experience technical difficulties, please contact program staff at

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Public Input to ESG Instructions

- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input to ESG later in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
 - Email comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “ESG Public Comment” in the subject line.
 - Call 888-503-6735 and state “ESG Public Comment” in your message.



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
9:00—9:20 AM	Welcome & Introductions
9:20—9:30 AM	Program Updates
9:30—9:40 AM	Draft SEIS Comment Overview
9:40—9:50 AM	Public Comment
9:50—10:00 AM	Next Steps & Closing

Program Updates

Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator

Frank Green, Assistant IBR Program Administrator

Ray Mabey, Assistant IBR Program Administrator

Program Schedule



Schedule will be updated as needed to reflect program changes and timeline.

Proposed Funding Sources

► Cost Estimate: \$5B - \$7.5B

	Status	Expected Value
Existing State Funding	Committed	\$100 M
Connecting WA Funding—Mill Plain Interchange	Committed ¹	\$117 M
Move Ahead WA Funding	Committed	\$1,000 M
Oregon Funding Contribution	Committed	\$1,000 M
FHWA Bridge Investment Program Grant	Committed ²	\$1,500 M
USDOT Mega Grant	Committed	\$600 M
USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant	Committed	\$30 M
Toll Funding	Committed ³	\$1,100 – 1,600 M
FTA New Starts CIG Funding	Prospective	\$900 - 1,100 M
IBR Funding Totals		\$6,347 – 7,047 M

Updated as of 02.28.2025

¹ These funds were deferred to a later date and adjusted for inflation by the Washington State Legislature in the 2023 session.

² Combines \$1 M BIP Planning Grant (2022) and \$1.499 B BIP Construction Grant (2024)

³ Legislative authorization to toll has been secured in both states and toll funding of \$1.24 B has been confirmed by both states at toll rates assumed in the 2023 Financial Plan under a base case financing scenario. Toll rates and policies will be jointly set by the Washington State and Oregon Transportation Commissions.

Bridge Permit Update

- ▶ **Following the U.S. Coast Guard process, IBR submitted an initial Navigation Impact Report in 2022**
- ▶ **Since 2022, the Program has been working with the Coast Guard to follow up on existing or potential future river usage identified in the initial Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination:**
 - Additional assessment of and continued conversations with potentially impacted river users.
 - Additional assessment of commercial navigation trends, unique service facilities, and plans or policies that may impact the future of river usage.
 - Conducted required navigation simulations where participating vessel pilots stated they preferred navigating under the design of the replacement bridge.

Bridge Permit Next Steps

- ▶ The Program is meeting regularly with impacted river users to understand future business and negotiate settlement agreements.
- ▶ Once agreements are in place, the Program will formally submit an updated Navigation Impact Report (NIR) to USCG.
- ▶ USCG will initiate a 30-day public comment period to provide the opportunity for river users to identify themselves as impacted by the bridge's clearance or any other elements of the NIR.
- ▶ The Program hopes that with agreements in place, no impacted river users will be identified, and a revised navigation clearance determination will be issued.
- ▶ The Program will submit a bridge permit application in late 2025/early 2026 for a fixed span bridge.



Draft SEIS Comment Overview

Chris Regan, IBR Environmental Manager

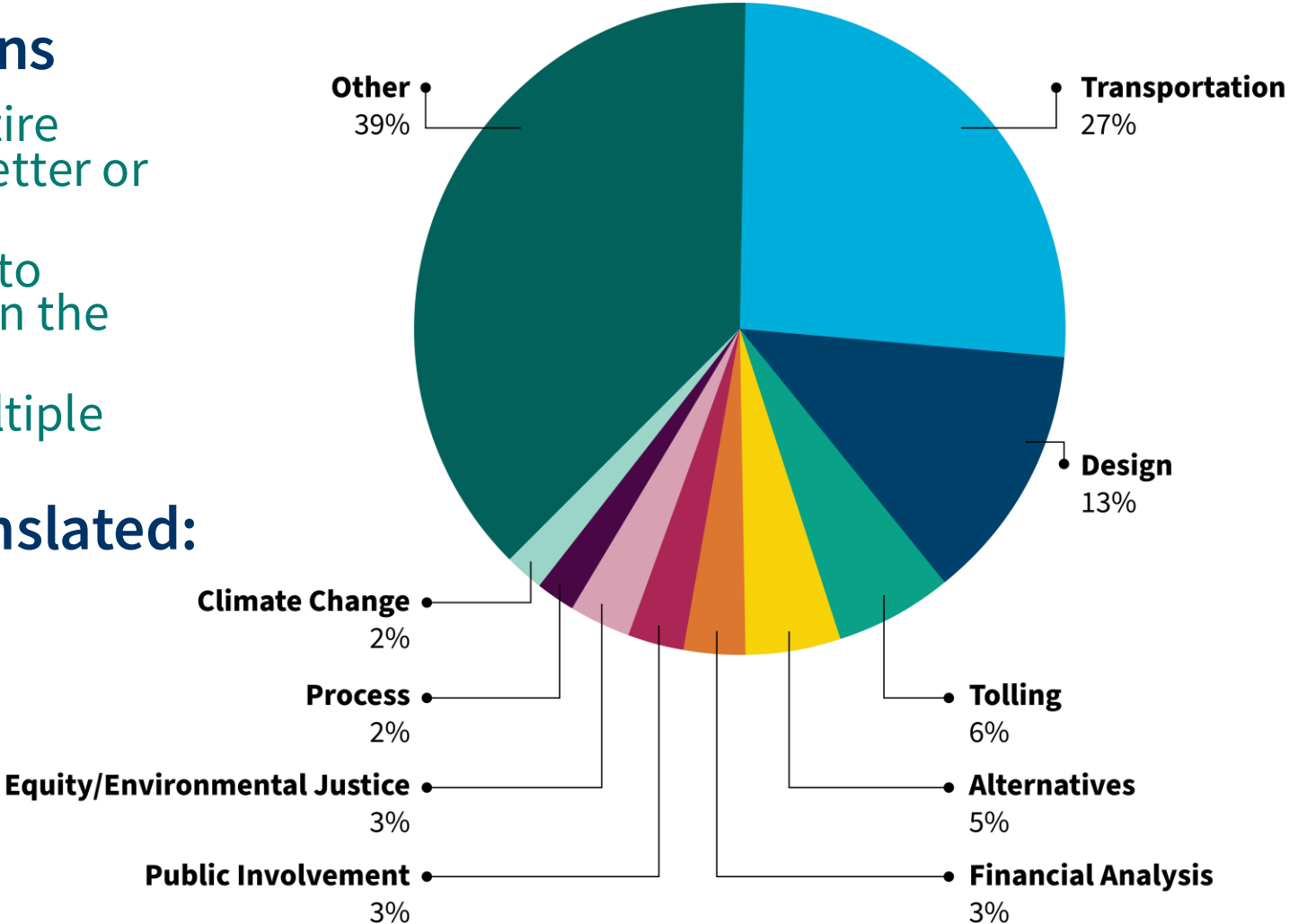
Draft SEIS Public Comment Engagement

- ▶ Eight Draft SEIS events including hearings, briefings and open houses
- ▶ 61 briefings to jurisdictions, agencies, neighborhood associations and advisory groups
- ▶ Coordinated with Community Engagement Liaisons (CELs) to connect with community members in-language
- ▶ Comprehensive outreach and notification plan



Public Comments Received

- ▶ **More than 3,600 submissions**
 - A submission includes the entire submittal, such as an email, letter or comment form
 - Submissions are separated into individual comments based on the topics within their content
 - A submission can contain multiple comments
- ▶ **Submissions that were translated: 25 total**
 - Mandarin: 15
 - Vietnamese: 3
 - Spanish: 4
 - Russian: 3



Transportation

- ▶ **About 2700 comments related to how the Modified LPA would affect transportation**
 - Travel patterns and mobility for cars, trucks/freight, transit and transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists
- ▶ **Common themes**
 - Capacity
 - Number of lanes
 - Bottlenecks outside of the Program area
 - Freight
 - Transit
 - Traffic modeling
 - Safety
 - Active transportation



Design

- ▶ **About 1300 comments about design**
 - Comments related to the design of the roadway and transit alignment, bridge and interchange design and seismic resilience
- ▶ **Common themes**
 - Integration of travel modes
 - Seismic resilience
 - Elevation and grade of the multiuse path
 - Aesthetics



Tolling

- ▶ **About 600 comments about tolling**
 - Comments relate to tolling of the Interstate Bridge and other regional tolling efforts
- ▶ **Common themes**
 - Opinions on tolls
 - Toll discounts and exemptions
 - Effect of tolls on Hayden Island residents



Alternatives and Bridge Components

- ▶ **About 600 comments about alternatives**
 - Comments relate to bridge components of the Modified LPA and previously dismissed alternatives
- ▶ **Common themes**
 - Third bridge
 - Tunnel
 - High-Speed Rail
 - Retrofitting the existing bridge
 - Bridge configuration



Public Comment Next Steps

- ▶ **Comments received will be used to refine the design considered and update the analysis as appropriate**
 - All comments and responses will be included in the Final SEIS
 - Responses will include or acknowledge any updates made to Program options and/or analysis as a result of the comment
- ▶ **The Program will continue to coordinate closely with federal, state and local partner agencies as these refinements are made to be included in the Final SEIS in late 2025**



ESG Public Comment

ESG Comment Instructions

To make a verbal comment:

- ▶ 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.



ESG Comment Instructions



To submit comment to ESG after the meeting:



- ▶ Fill out the comment form on the program website or email your comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “ESG Public Comment” in the subject line.
- ▶ Call **888-503-6735** (toll-free) and state “ESG Public Comment” in your message.
- ▶ 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.

Next Steps & Closing

On the Horizon

- ▶ **Final SEIS anticipated in late 2025**
 - Ongoing coordination with federal lead agencies
 - Responses to public comments and refinements to design and technical analysis will be published in the Final SEIS
- ▶ **Amended Record of Decision (ROD) following Final SEIS gives federal approval to begin construction**
- ▶ **I-5 Bridge Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee will continue to meet and discuss potential toll rates and policies with OTC and WSTC jointly setting toll rates and policies**
- ▶ **Upcoming work will include discussions on elements of design including safety improvements, architecture, elements of I-5, street connections, active transportation, and transit elements**
- ▶ **The IBR Program anticipates initiating the procurement process and releasing the first construction packages after the Program receives an Amended ROD.**



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