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Equity Advisory Group

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- ▶ We encourage EAG members to turn on your video.
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Public Input Instructions

- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
 - Email comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “EAG Public Comment” in the subject line
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Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
5:30 p.m.	Welcome and Icebreaker
5:45 p.m.	Program Update
6:00 p.m.	Equity Roundtable Debrief
6:10 p.m.	Program Delivery and Workforce Opportunities
6:30 p.m.	Section 106 Presentation
6:50 p.m.	DSEIS Community Engagement Plan and Public Hearings
7:15 p.m.	Public Comment
7:25 p.m.	Closing

Icebreaker

- ▶ Name + pronouns
- ▶ Affiliation
- ▶ Icebreaker: What makes a great day for you?



Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Recent Activities

- ▶ Event celebrating BIP grant award with FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhatt, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
- ▶ Bridge tour for FTA Administrator Veronica Vanderpool
- ▶ Virtual Community Briefings (August 20 and 24)
- ▶ Recent presentations
 - C-TRAN Board Meeting
 - Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
 - City of Vancouver: Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission, Parking Advisory Committee
- ▶ **Summer tabling**
 - Downtown Vancouver Farmers Market
 - Bridgeton NA Annual Summer Picnic
 - Providence Bridge Pedal
 - Vancouver Waterfront Concert Series
 - Portland Summer Concert Series
 - Kenton Farmers Market
 - Celebrating Black Arts and Culture Event





Equity Roundtable

Fabiola Casas, Equity Team

Equity Roundtable

- ▶ Quarterly virtual session to bring together IBR staff and subject matter experts to discuss the intersection of equity and infrastructure projects.
- ▶ Summer’s topic: “Leveraging the Draft SEIS Public Comment Process to Catalyze Community Change”
 - How public comments enhance planning and design
 - How to engage equity priority communities to participate in the public comment period
 - Identifying barriers for equity priority communities to participate in the public comment period
 - How to ensure equity in the public comment period and measure the IBR program’s success in engaging diverse voices
- ▶ Recording is available to watch online

Program Delivery and Workforce Opportunities

Barbi Alexander, Equity Team

Construction Packaging & Delivery

- ▶ Conceptual packaging and delivery plan considered several challenges and factors:
 - Cost
 - DBE participation
 - Sequence
 - Constructability
- ▶ Contract packages and cost ranges are subject to change as the program continues to collect feedback and refines cost estimates/design.



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PROGRAM UPDATES

Construction Resources and Opportunities

Workforce Resources | May 2024

Work with Us!

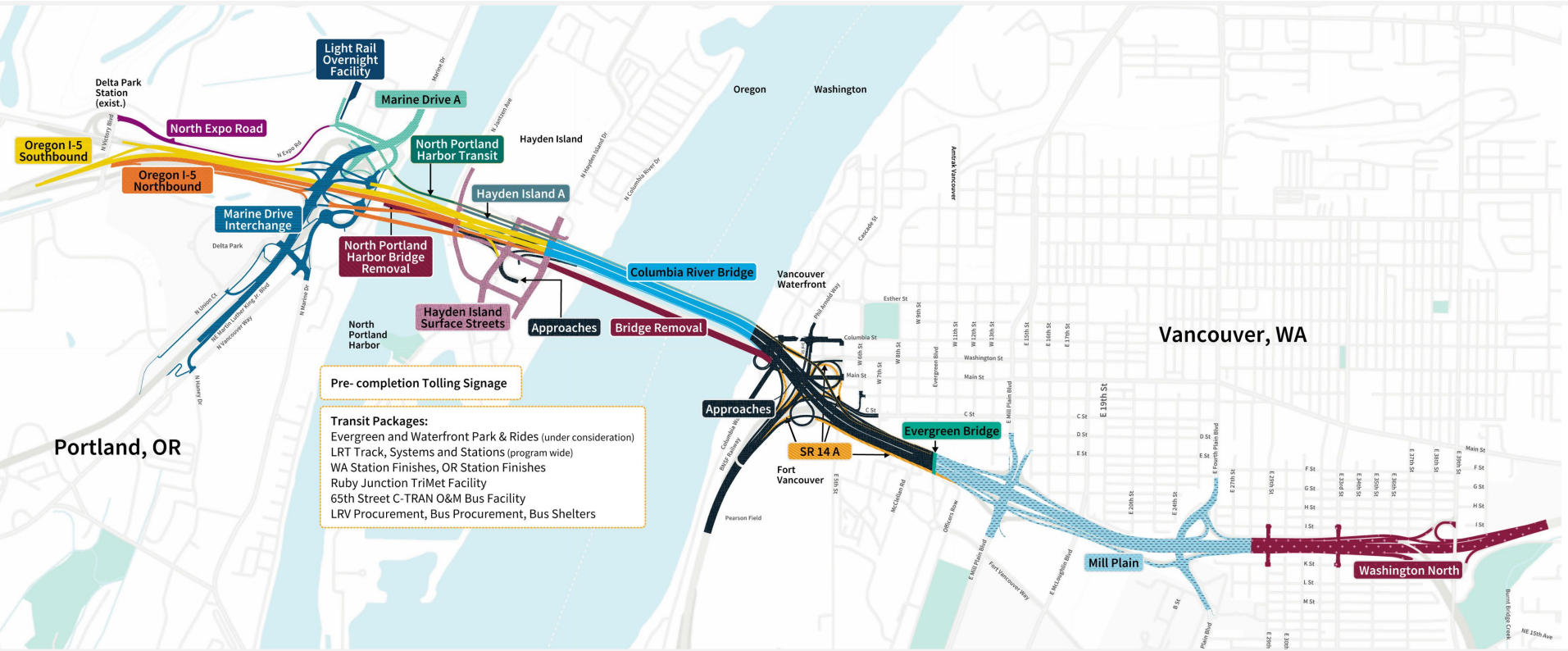
The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) program is constructing a safer multimodal connection for all travelers crossing the Columbia River, while also building stronger communities by supporting economic opportunity. Delivering the investments proposed by the IBR program will require thousands of workers skilled in trades ranging from concrete and steel to project management and quality assurance. A skilled and diverse workforce that is ready to meet the challenges of the future is critical to the program's success.

The banner features a collage of construction workers in hard hats and safety vests. The text "Work with Us!" is prominently displayed in a teal box. A smaller text box above the main image reads "Workforce Resources | May 2024".

www.interstatebridge.org/opportunities

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Conceptual Package Sequence



Potential Design & Construction Opportunities

► Many opportunities will be available over the next 10+ years as the design is finalized and construction takes place:

- Air, noise, and water quality monitoring
- Architecture
- Asphalt Paving
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Construction
- Bridge Construction
- Vertical Construction
- Concrete
- Construction Management
- Debris Removal
- Demolition
- Drilled Shafts
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Excavation
- Final cleaning
- Guardrails
- Independent Cost Estimates
- Landscaping
- Light Rail Construction
- Painting
- Project Management
- Permit Coordination
- Public Outreach
- Quality Control and Testing
- Road Construction
- Retaining Walls
- Security
- Signage
- Site Work
- Stormwater and Trenching
- Steel Fabrication and Erection
- Surveying
- Traffic Control
- Transit Station Shelters
- Trucking
- Utilities Relocation
- Wetland Mitigation

IBR Workforce Development

- ▶ **ODOT and WSDOT are committed to supporting labor and providing opportunities for a diverse workforce to grow and thrive, leveraging the significant economic investment opportunity for the advancement of the region.**
 - The program is working in partnership with the state building trades, workforce and contracting organizations as details of construction contracts are developed.
 - We plan to implement a comprehensive outreach strategy across the region to reach DBEs, SBEs and workforce communities within and beyond the Portland/Vancouver area.
 - Attend workshops and seminars, collaborate with local chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, SBOs and CBOs
 - Conduct outreach through various methods to bring awareness of the IBR program and contracting opportunities.

Commitment to Tribal Employment

- ▶ **Approval granted for first ever, bi-state TERO program for Interstate Bridge Replacement program**
 - The IBR program offering to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with Grand Ronde, Yakama, Cowlitz and Warm Springs Tribes
 - Support available for Tribal business owners interested in DBE certification, Safe Harbor and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for Tribal A & E Firms
 - Tribal workforce development support across both Oregon and Washington

Workforce Equity Outreach Efforts

- ▶ CBAG presentation on Workforce Equity
- ▶ Best practices education with industry leaders focused on:
 - Childcare
 - Priority Hire programs
- ▶ 2024 Dozer Day Career Fair
- ▶ Joint Advisory Task Force – Contractor Equity Assessment



IBR Commitment to DBE Participation

- ▶ IBR collaborated with federal partners to set a mandatory 15% DBE goal on the current consultant contract.
- ▶ DBE best practices will be integrated throughout the life of the program with input from local, state and federal partners.
 - Seek input from local contracting groups that represent DBE firms
 - Work to maximize opportunities for DBE participation on future contracts
- ▶ Develop DBE and capacity-building strategies to ensure workforce is prepared to deliver program.
 - IBR program **Equity Objective**: *Ensure that economic opportunities generated by the program benefit minority and women-owned businesses, BIPOC workers, workers with disabilities, and young people.*
 - Information for Disadvantaged and Small Businesses: www.interstatebridge.org/DBEpartners

Small & Disadvantaged Business Support Strategies

- ▶ **IBR/Small Business Administration strategic alliance**
 - Establishes a cross-referral program to ensure small businesses are aware of SBA resources such as access to financial loans and surety bonding and that WSDOT and ODOT can assist businesses with achieving DBE certification.
 - This effort is intended to help local small and disadvantaged businesses be more competitive on IBR contracts.

Small & Disadvantaged Business Support Activities

- ▶ **APEX Support** –
 - Train the Trainer Series with Joint Agency Task Force Members
- ▶ **Community Engagement**
 - IBR & Small Business Organization Working Group
- ▶ **Outreach**
 - Events –
 - *Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Port of Seattle Contracting Event*
 - *Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce*
 - *Constructing Hope networking event*
 - *NAMCO Fall Member Tradeshow*
 - *2024 Regional Contracting Forum*

Contracting with ODOT and WSDOT

- ▶ Oregon and Washington have reciprocity for DBE certification.
- ▶ The ODOT Procurement Office uses the eBids system for highway and bridge construction projects.
 - For more information on how to do business with ODOT, subscribe for email updates, or create an eBids account, please visit <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Business/Pages/index.aspx>.
- ▶ WSDOT has a business webpage you can access for more information on how to do business with WSDOT and subscribe for email updates.
 - For more information, please visit <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot>.

Contracting with TriMet and C-TRAN

▶ TriMet

- For more information on how to do business with TriMet, please visit: www.trimet.org/procurement

▶ C-TRAN

- For more information on how to do business with C-TRAN, please visit: www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement/



Section 106 Presentation

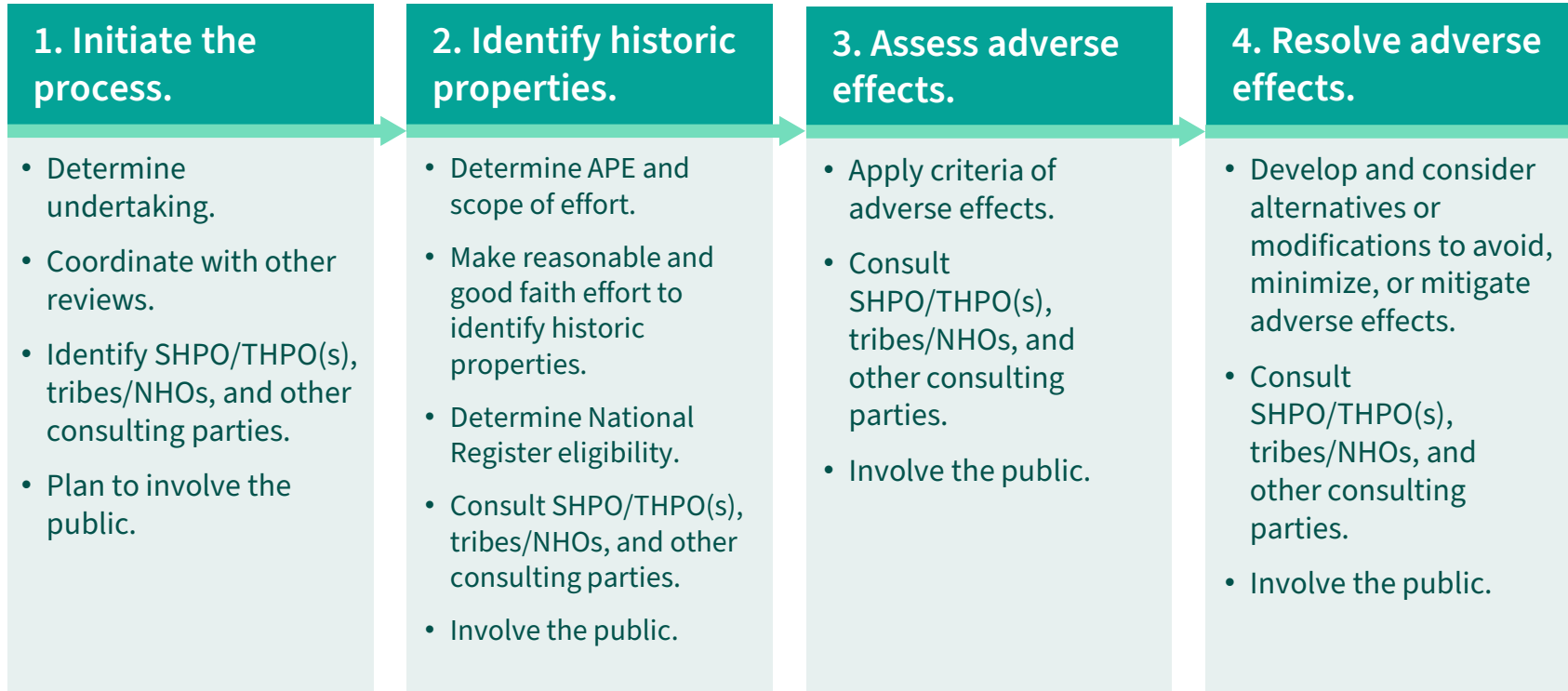
Hayli Reff, Cultural Resources Program Manager



Section 106 Historic Properties

- ▶ A requirement of the National Historic Preservation Act.
 - A separate law from NEPA that IBR must comply with.
 - Like NEPA, it establishes a process for evaluating effects within the Area of Potential Effect (APE).
 - Determinations of Eligibility (DOE) and Findings of Effect (FOE) documents will be published for public comment.
 - Relates specifically to historic properties and cultural resources.
 - *Includes any "precontact" or historic district, site, building, structure, or object such as artifacts, records and remains.*
- ▶ The Section 106 comment period runs separately, yet parallel to the Draft SEIS public comment period.
 - Section 106 public comment period lasts 30 days
 - Begins Fall 2024

Key Steps in the Section 106 Process



Area of Potential Effect



Section 106 Eligibility and Effects

- ▶ **Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs)**
 - There is one document for each above-ground historic property identified.
 - The determination analyzes whether the historic property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and why.
- ▶ **Section 106 Findings of Effect (FOEs)**
 - There is one document for each historic property that was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
 - Possible findings:
 - Adverse Effect
 - No Adverse Effect
 - No Effect
- ▶ **Consultation with Section 106 consulting parties occurred prior to finalizing determinations.**
- ▶ **All documents have been concurred with by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office or the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.**

Next Steps

- ▶ **The IBR program will be seeking feedback from the public on Section 106 Determination of Eligibility (DOE) and Finding of Effect (FOE) documents this fall.**
- ▶ **Consider mitigation strategies for known adverse effects.**
- ▶ **Establish a project-level Programmatic Agreement to include:**
 - Roles and responsibilities of the agency and the consulting parties.
 - Agreed-upon measures to resolve adverse effects.
 - Processes for the phased identification and evaluation of historic properties.
 - Protocols for involving stakeholders in consultation as effects are identified and resolved.
- ▶ **Consult with the public on the draft Programmatic Agreement.**
 - Anticipated in early 2025.

Section 106: How to Participate

- ▶ **Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility and Findings of Effect: Fall 2024**
 - Learn more in the Cultural Resources online open house
 - Submit a web-based form
 - Email a comment
 - Send a comment through the mail
- ▶ **IBR will provide various ways to provide comments as the Section 106 comment period approaches, and there will be information on the website.**
- ▶ **Comments do not have to be in English, and the program will accommodate accessibility, ADA, and other needs.**

Section 106 Resources

- ▶ **IBR Cultural Resources Page**

- <https://www.interstatebridge.org/cultural-resources-open-house>

- ▶ **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Section 106**

- <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106>

- ▶ **FHWA Section 106 Tutorial**

- https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_topics/section_106_tutorial/Default.aspx



Draft SEIS Community Engagement and Public Hearings

David Gitlin, Community Engagement Team



WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM
YOU!

Draft SEIS Available Starting Sept. 20th

The **Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement** identifies potential impacts and benefits of the proposed infrastructure investments in transportation, the community and the environment, both during construction and in the future.

To learn more, go to www.interstatebridge.org/DraftSEIS

Public Comment Period: Sept. 20 - Nov. 18

Feedback from the community will inform design and updates to technical analysis to shape the solution that advances to the Final SEIS.

Draft SEIS Public Comment Period: Sept. 20 - Nov. 18

www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS

Review of Pre-Publication Briefings

Tuesday August 20

- ▶ Attendance: over 60
- ▶ Question themes:
 - Tolling
 - Planning and design
 - Westward shift
 - Funding
 - Delivery method
 - Permitting

Saturday August 24

- ▶ Attendance: over 20
- ▶ Question themes:
 - Advisory group participation
 - Public comment participation
 - Traffic & earthquake safety
 - Sustainability
 - Traffic analysis and local impacts



Draft SEIS Comment Methods

- ▶ Options to provide comments:
 - Online comment form
 - Public hearing
 - Email
 - Voicemail
 - Physical mail

Engagement Update (dates to be confirmed)

Event	Purpose	Dates
Draft SEIS virtual briefings	Overview of Draft SEIS findings; Q&A. No comments accepted.	Oct. 1 Oct. 9
In-person public hearing with open house format	In-person events with stations, display boards and roll maps. Comments via court reporter or form.	Oct. 15 (Vancouver) Oct. 17 (Portland)
Virtual public hearings	Online public comment opportunity. Comments recorded via court reporter.	Oct. 26 Oct. 30
Ongoing tabling	Reminders on Draft SEIS comment opportunities.	Ongoing
Equitable engagement	In-language presentations and comment opportunities.	Dates being identified
Ongoing office hours	Answer questions provided by the public in scheduled settings.	Check website for specifics

Public Hearing with Open House Format

Times and locations

- ▶ Vancouver on October 15: Clark College, Gaiser Hall
- ▶ Portland on October 17: Portland Expo Center, Hall E
- ▶ Both events: 5:30 – 8:30 pm

What to expect

- ▶ Open house display boards
- ▶ Videos on monitors
- ▶ Court reporters; tablets to collect comments
- ▶ Separate space for initial property owner discussions
- ▶ *Drop in format to ask questions, with no presentation*



Notifications

- ▶ Email distribution
- ▶ Mailer
- ▶ Billboard on Hayden Island
- ▶ Website update
- ▶ Social media
- ▶ Partner toolkit
- ▶ Media outreach



Partner Toolkit

- ▶ Social media posts
 - Graphics
 - Photos
- ▶ Newsletter content
- ▶ Background information
- ▶ Talking points

Draft SEIS Postcard

Interstate Bridge Replacement Program | September 2024



We want to hear from you!

The IBR Program is a joint effort between Oregon and Washington to replace the aging Interstate Bridge across the Columbia River and related multimodal investments within the five-mile corridor. The goal is to ensure a modern, multimodal corridor that strengthens earthquake resiliency, improves safety and keeps people and our economy moving.

The IBR Program is studying its environmental impact. There are two concurrent processes where your input is needed.

1 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



60-DAY COMMENT PERIOD:
Sept. 20 - Nov. 18

2 Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility and Findings of Effect



32-DAY COMMENT PERIOD:
Oct. 18 - Nov. 18

1 What is the Draft SEIS?

This document is a federal requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that analyzes potential impacts and benefits of the proposed investments within the Program area. This fall, we will be seeking input on the document that will help shape the solution that advances to the Final SEIS.

www.interstatebridge.org/DraftSEIS

2 What is Section 106?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to identify historic properties, as well as potential adverse effects that may result from their undertakings.

Under Section 106, properties are evaluated for their significance and consideration, which is documented in a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) form. Properties subject to Section 106 consideration have a Finding of Effect (FOE) form prepared to evaluate effects from the IBR Program. We are seeking input on these documents.

www.interstatebridge.org/cultural-resources-open-house

To learn more, please visit the Program website at www.interstatebridge.org.

Additional questions can also be directed to 888-503-6735 or info@interstatebridge.org.

1 Watch our videos for more information

What is an SEIS?



How do I read and comment?



What are the findings of the review process?



2 Read more about the findings of the review process

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3 Review the SEIS document and technical reports

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4 Submit a comment

Draft SEIS Website Preview

- ▶ The Draft SEIS webpage will provide:
 - The Draft SEIS
 - Educational materials
 - Ability to provide public comment

Q&A



Public Comment

Comment Instructions

- ▶ Through Zoom:
 - ▶ Please use the link located in the meeting description on the YouTube meeting page or on the IBR EAG meeting webpage.
 - ▶ Commenters will be allowed to turn on their webcams, but will not be allowed to share their screens and will be removed from the room once the public comment period concludes.
- ▶ By phone:
 - ▶ Dial 253-215-8782
 - ▶ Meeting ID: 986 0940 5983
 - ▶ Passcode: 701376
 - ▶ Dial *9 to raise your hand
 - ▶ Dial *6 to unmute yourself
- ▶ The facilitator will call on participants to provide comment
- ▶ Please provide your name and affiliation.
- ▶ Commenters will be given 2 minutes to speak.



or



Comment Instructions

To submit comment after the meeting:



- ▶ Fill out the comment form on the program website or email your comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “**EAG Public Comment**” in the subject line.



- ▶ Call **888-503-6735** and state “EAG 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 advisory group members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting.

Wrap up

- Meeting evaluation
- Next meeting: October 21, 5:30 – 7:30pm