



Community Advisory Group Equity Advisory Group Joint Meeting

June 16, 2025



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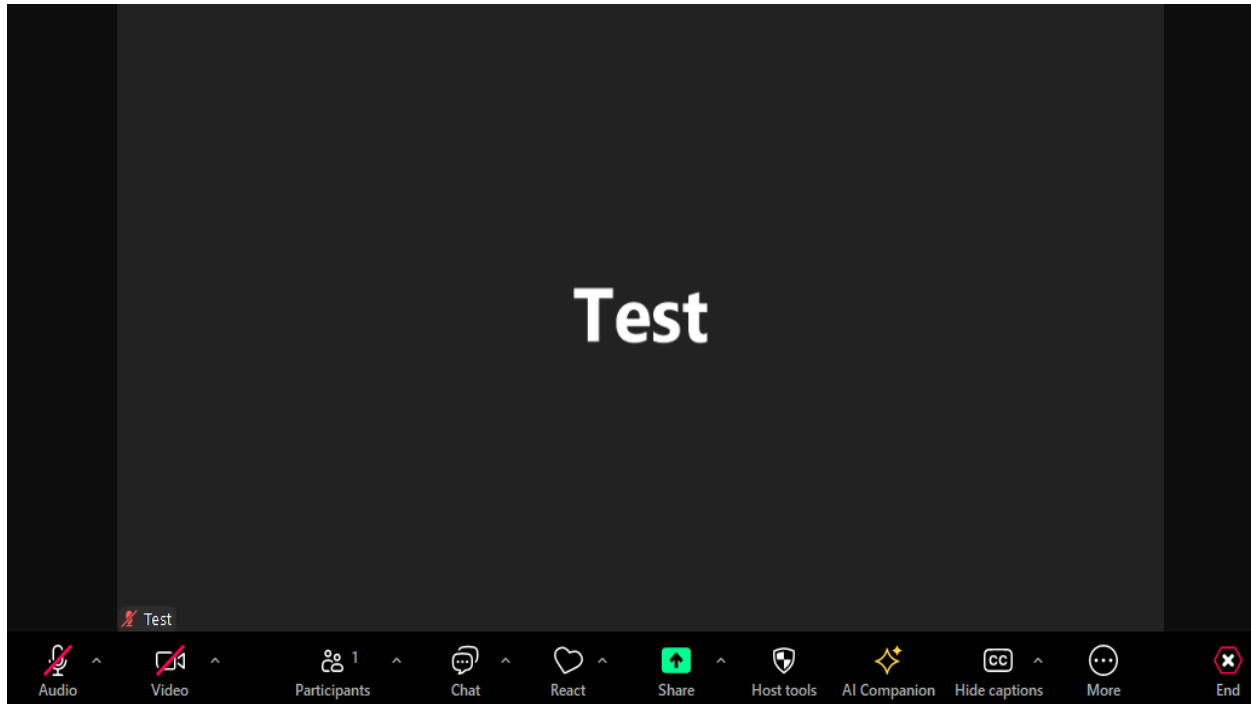
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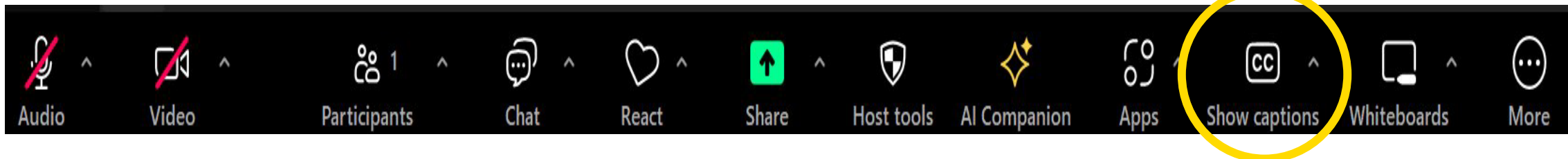
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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today (around 5:35PM).
- ▶ Verbal public comment will be welcome in the Zoom Webinar during the designated time, with the option to turn on your web camera.
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Meeting Participation Tips

- ▶ Thank you for joining us today!
- ▶ Please join audio by either phone or computer, not both. We encourage panelists to turn on your video.
- ▶ Please keep your audio on mute when not speaking.
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Our Advisory Group Meeting Space

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Look for learning



Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
4:00 p.m.	Welcome & Meeting Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Icebreaker
4:30 p.m.	Community Benefits Advisory Group Recap
4:50 p.m.	Program Update
5:10 p.m.	IBR Workforce Outreach & Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Small Business Organization Engagement
5:30 p.m.	Architectural Elements Workshops Preparation
5:35 p.m.	Public Comment
5:45 p.m.	Next Steps
6:00 p.m.	Closing



Welcome CAG and EAG Members

Ed Washington, CAG Co-Chair

Lisa Keohokalole Schauer, CAG Co-Facilitator



Icebreaker – Mentimeter poll

Dr. Hunte, EAG Facilitator

Mentimeter Poll – Check your email for the code

Please check your email for the Mentimeter code, then visit menti.com and enter the code to join the poll.

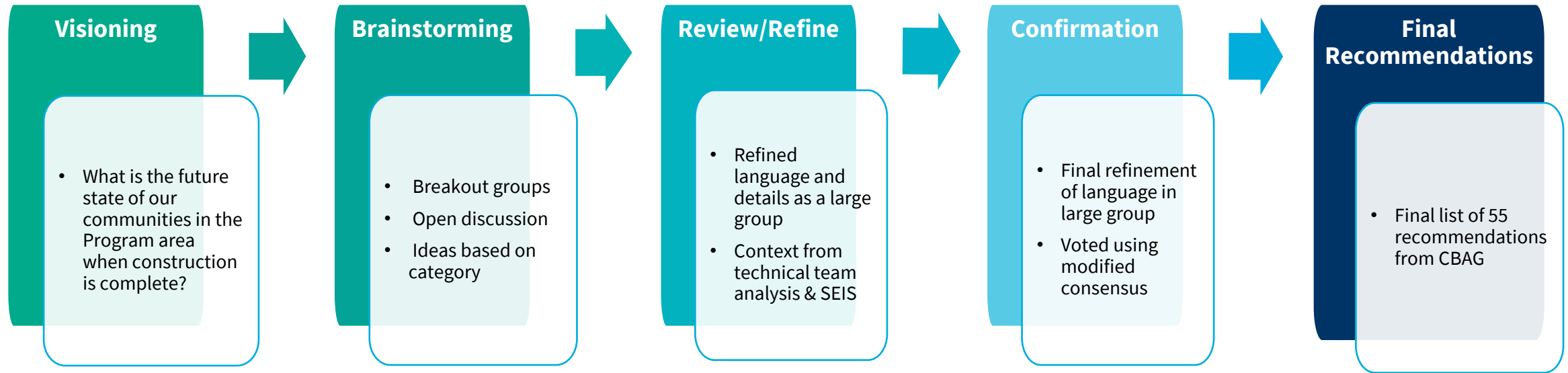
- ▶ *What are the events happening in your communities this summer?*



Community Benefits Advisory Group Recap

Emilee Thomas-Peralta, CBAG Team

CBAG Process Overview



Key Themes from CBAG Discussions

► User experience

- Weather conditions, safety, shelter, viewpoints
- Accessibility
- Wayfinding, layout of the multi-use path, connectivity

► Construction impacts

- Alternative routes, limiting closures, mitigation for noise and dust
- Proactive communication & resources for community to report impacts

► Considerations for implementation of recommendations

- Cost analysis, funding options, partner collaboration
- Standard practices for DOTs, transit agencies, contractor requirements
- Ongoing operations and maintenance
- Alignment with MLPA/SEIS

Key Themes from CBAG Discussions

► Community voice

- Input from specific groups with lived experiences:
 - *Multimodal transportation users*
 - *Individuals with disabilities*
 - *Consulting tribes*

► Environmental considerations

- Materials used in construction
- Greenspaces, naturalized landscaping, tree planting
- Incentives for contractors: EV charging, retrofitting diesel vehicles, etc.

CBAG Recommendations Analysis

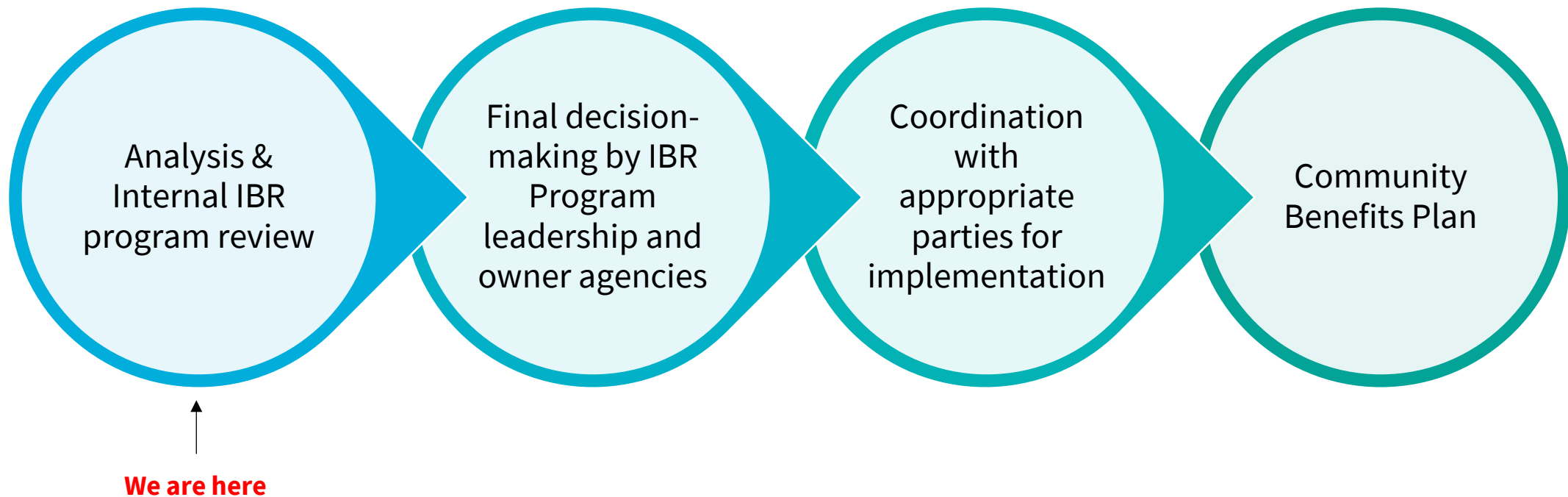
► Purpose:

- Thoroughly analyze the recommendations against considerations and decision factors to aid in informed decision-making by IBR & owner agencies
- Collect input from technical experts across disciplines

► Key considerations of the analysis :

- Crossover with aspects of the Program
 - *SEIS & mitigations, partner conditions, etc.*
- Standard requirements/practices or within the scope of what agencies typically do
 - *If outside of this, what would be required?*
 - *Example: long-term monitoring that would require partners to implement*
- Responsible party & mechanism for implementation
- Potential funding sources
- Timing and decision-making
 - *Key example: specific design details*

CBAG Recommendations – Next Steps



CBAG Recommendations – Next Steps

- ▶ **Future advisory group(s)**
 - Updates on progress
 - Sharing of community benefits commitments
- ▶ **Community Benefits Plan**
 - Overview of CBAG process
 - List of community benefits commitments
 - Implementation and tracking



Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Recent Activities

- ▶ **Section 106 Online Open House and Public Comment Period closeout**
- ▶ **Recent Events & Presentations**
 - Oregon Transportation Commission
 - Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee
 - C-TRAN Board of Directors
 - Metro Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee
 - Clark County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - Latino Community Resources Group Multicultural Fair Tabling
 - Cowlitz County Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - City of Vancouver Juneteenth Tabling



Upcoming Community Events

- ▶ **IBR will be tabling at upcoming community events**
 - June 21: Portland Juneteenth
 - June 28: Good in the Hood
 - June 29: NE Cully Sunday Parkways
 - July 5: Fort Vancouver Picnic in the Park
 - July 12: Mississippi Street Fair
 - July 12: Vancouver Saturday in the Park Pride
 - July 19 & 20: Portland Pride

STIP/TIP Background

- ▶ The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the capital improvement plan for state and federally-funded transportation projects.
- ▶ Existing funding must be programmed in the STIP in order to obligate state and federal dollars.
 - STIPs cover several years and if significant changes to a project are needed then it requires a STIP amendment
- ▶ Oregon and Washington STIPs need to be in alignment for the IBR Program, as much as possible.
 - There are different processes in Oregon and Washington, but both require coordination and approval from metropolitan planning organizations under certain circumstances

IBR STIP/TIP Amendments

- ▶ The IBR Program is seeking approval from Oregon Metro, the Oregon Transportation Commission, and the SW Regional Transportation Commission to obligate approximately \$1.9 billion in existing funding.
 - Preliminary Engineering
 - Funds: Ongoing costs for PE work for early construction packages and program management
 - Right of Way & Utility Relocation
 - Funds: ROW and utility relocation costs for early construction packages
 - Columbia River Bridge
 - Funds: Final design and construction of the Columbia River Bridge package
 - Pre-completion Tolling Signage
 - Funds: Early procurement and construction for the Pre-completion Tolling package
 - SR 14/Evergreen (WA only)
 - Funds: Final design and construction for the SR 14/Evergreen package

STIP/TIP Meetings

► Oregon Metro

- June 24: Metro Council Work Session (no public comment)
- June 26: JPACT Meeting
- July 11: TPAC Meeting
- July 17: JPACT Meeting (voting)
- July 24: Metro Council (voting)

► SW Washington Regional Transportation Council

- June 20: RTAC Meeting (no public comment)
- July 1: RTC Board of Directors Meeting (voting)

► Oregon Transportation Commission

- July 31: OTC (voting)

Opportunity to provide written or oral public comment unless otherwise noted

Program Schedule

We are here!



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



IBR Workforce Outreach & Updates

Barbi Alexander, DBE & Workforce Equity Compliance Specialist

Mentimeter Poll

Please return to menti.com to continue the poll.

- ▶ *What are one or two words that come to mind when you think of Workforce Development?*

Recent Community Workforce Outreach Events

- ▶ CSI Industry Forum
- ▶ ODOT-ACEC Partnering Forum
- ▶ APEX Bridge Building Conference
- ▶ Tabor 100
- ▶ Bridger Creative Science School – Bridge Tour & Presentation
- ▶ East County Youth Summit – “Let’s Build a Bridge” Workshop
- ▶ Youth Infrastructure Fair – McDaniel High School
- ▶ PCC Opportunity Center
- ▶ Transportation Research Board
- ▶ 32nd Annual OAME Tradeshow
- ▶ NAMC-Oregon
- ▶ Association of Women & Minority Businesses
- ▶ DBE Goal Setting Information Session
- ▶ Washington APEX - Bridge Building Blocks 2025 Series
- ▶ Business Expo West 2025 – STEAM Pathways Summit
- ▶ 2025 Safe From Hate Summit

Upcoming Community Workforce Outreach Events

- ▶ **June 17: Columbia Willamette Regional Workforce Collaborative Career Coaches Workshop**
- ▶ **July 15, 22, 23: US DOT Small Business Transportation Resource Center Bonding Education Program**
- ▶ **Summer 2025: Virtual Webinar – IBR Industry Update**

Bridger Creative Science School Visit

- ▶ IBR presentation and walking tour with 5th through 8th grade students



I am very grateful for the field trip and showing us the bridge and all about it and a lunch space Engineering information-tonnage of counterweights Financial information and Vanport history. I only have so many words to express my appreciation. It's just crazy just being able to get in contact with you and your team let alone go to the actual bridge. you gave us renderings of the future bridge with color copies showing you really cared and put many resources in us you went above and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jack bryan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Bryan'.



Let's Build a Bridge Workshop

- ▶ High School students formed “Construction Teams”
 - Project Roles – architect, engineer, power equipment operator, cement mason, ironworker, construction manager
 - Designed and built brick bridge
 - Skills, education/training, path & pay



Small Business & Workforce Support Strategies

- ▶ **Discussion on workforce strategies to support small businesses with potential future work on IBR**
 - Small Business Organizations, public agencies and community-based workforce leaders
- ▶ **We asked: in what ways can we support our small & local businesses around workforce strategies?**
 - Strategies for recruiting and retaining workers from all communities
 - Respectful Workplace Initiatives
 - Onboarding and readiness support for small businesses
 - Partnering with community-based organizations
 - Navigating labor compliance and reporting



Architectural Design Elements

Katy Belokonny, IBR Public Affairs

Architectural Design Elements

- ▶ **Summer process:**

- One virtual and one in-person workshop
- Led by Design team

- ▶ **Outcomes:**

- Identifying a vision for how various Programmatic elements look
- Architectural element guidelines will be included in upcoming procurement documents used to hire contractors

Architectural Design Elements Focus

- ▶ **Design principals and acceptable design envelope**
- ▶ **Elements:**
 - Main crossing design
 - Land-based structures (Shared use path, light rail, highway, etc.)
 - Landscaping
 - Wall treatments
- ▶ **Perspective:**
 - Structural (piers, deck, soffit, etc.)
 - Non-structural (parapet, color, material, lighting, etc.)



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- ▶ 10-minute timeframe will be divided among the number of requested speakers

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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 advisory group members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting.

Next Program Meetings

- ▶ **Community Advisory Group and Equity Advisory Group Joint Meeting**
 - July 21, 2025 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Virtual, Zoom)
 - August 27, 2025 – time TBD (In-person, IBR Office)

Closing

- ▶ Closing

- Ed Washington, CAG Co-Chair



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