



# Community Advisory Group Meeting



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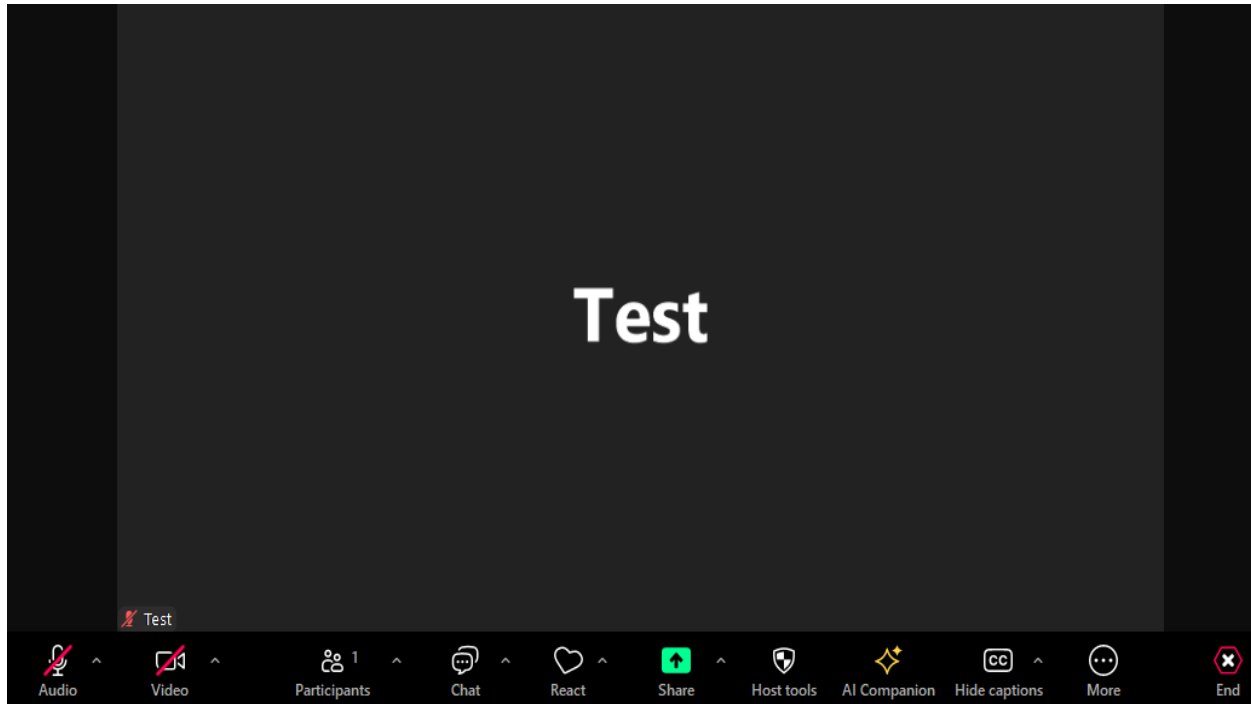
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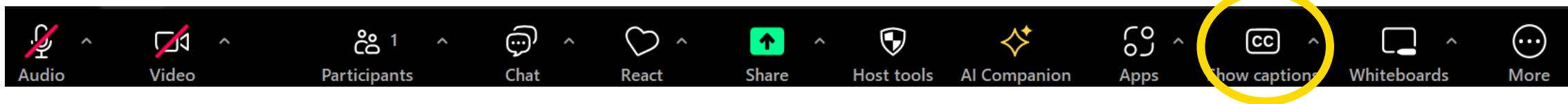
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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today (around 5:45PM).
- ▶ Verbal public comment will be welcome in the Zoom Webinar during the designated time, with the option to turn on your web camera.
  - Please use the link located in the meeting description on the YouTube meeting page or on the IBR CAG meeting webpage.
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  - Enter meeting ID: 993 5459 6043, passcode: 674942
  - Dial \*9 to raise your hand
  - After you are invited to speak, dial \*6 to unmute yourself



# Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
4:00 p.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Meeting Overview</li><li>○ Introductions</li><li>○ Program Update</li></ul>
4:30 p.m.	Section 106 Cultural Resources and upcoming public comment period
4:55 p.m.	Draft SEIS Public Comment Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Community engagement</li><li>○ Public notifications</li></ul>
5:25 p.m.	Active Transportation Roll Map
5:45 p.m.	Public Comment
5:55 p.m.	Closing

# Our CAG 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
- ▶ Practice examining racially biased systems and processes
- ▶ Look for learning





# Welcome CAG Members

Ed Washington & Lynn Valenter, CAG Co-Chairs

# CAG Sharing

- ▶ **Welcome**

- Ed Washington & Lynn Valenter, Co-Chairs

- ▶ **Open Discussion – CAG Members**

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



# 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





# Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

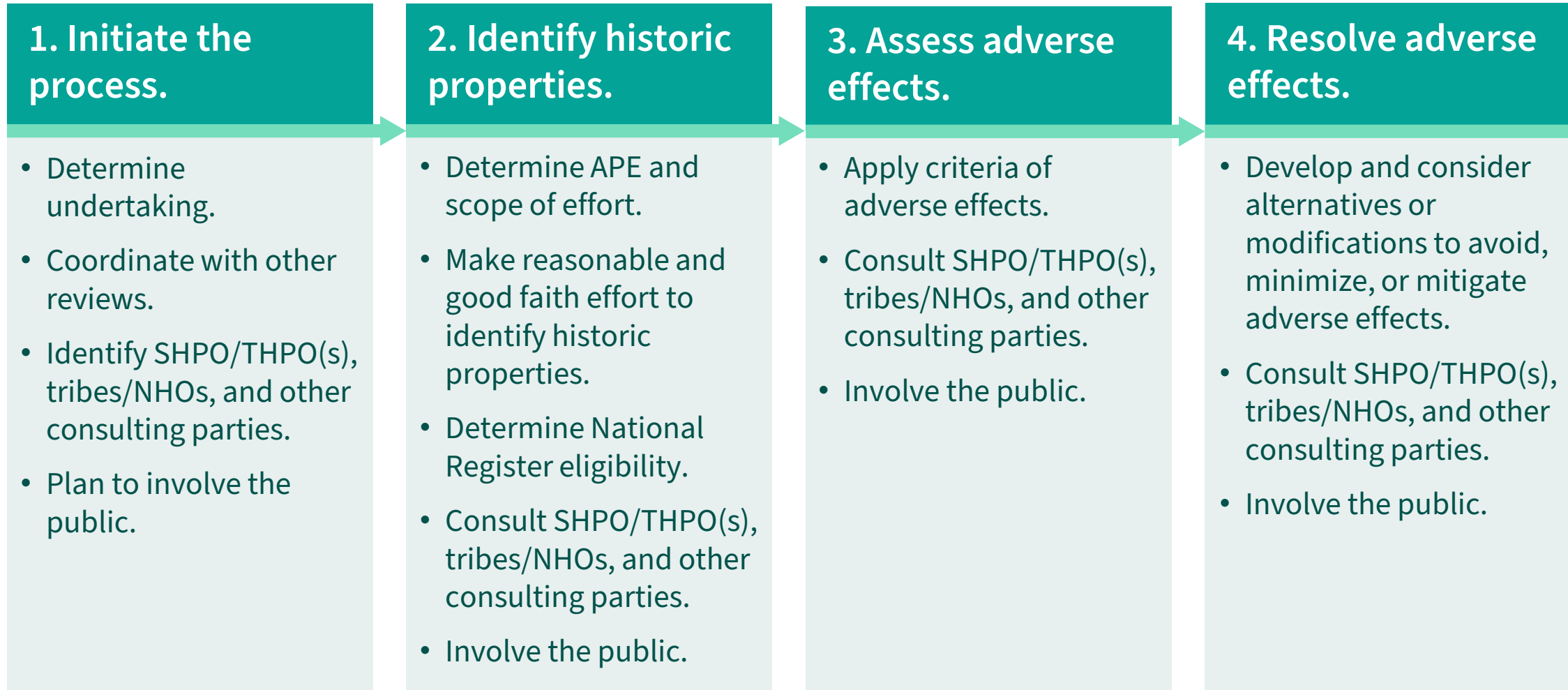
Hayli Reff, IBR Cultural Resources Program Manager



# Section 106 Historic Properties

- ▶ A requirement of the National Historic Preservation Act.
  - Procedural effort relating specifically to historic properties and cultural resources.
    - *Includes any "precontact" or historic district, site, building, structure, or object such as artifacts, records and remains.*
  - Conducted work to identify historic properties and assess effects to significant resources.
  - Determinations of Eligibility (DOE) and Findings of Effect (FOE) documents will be published for public comment.
- ▶ 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 October 18—November 18, 2024.**
- ▶ **Consider mitigation strategies for known adverse effects.**
- ▶ **Establish a final draft 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: October 18—November 18, 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 share various ways to submit comments closer to the Section 106 comment period opening.**
  - Information about how to comment will be shared in fact sheets, on the website, in the newsletter, and on social media.
- ▶ **Comments do not have to be in English, and the program will provide options for 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](https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_topics/section_106_tutorial/Default.aspx)



# Question & Answer

# Draft SEIS Public Comment Period Update

KaDeena Yerkan, IBR Public Affairs Lead



WE WANT  
TO HEAR  
FROM  
YOU!

## Draft SEIS Available Starting Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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.

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[www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS](http://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 open house/public hearings	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

# Open house/public hearing planning

## Times and locations

- ▶ Vancouver: Clark College, Gaiser Hall
- ▶ Portland: Portland Expo Center, Exhibit Hall E2
- ▶ 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](http://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](http://www.interstatebridge.org/cultural-resources-open-house)

To learn more, please visit the Program website at [www.interstatebridge.org](http://www.interstatebridge.org).

Additional questions can also be directed to 888-503-6735 or [info@interstatebridge.org](mailto:info@interstatebridge.org).

## Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

### Welcome to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) page!

On this page, you can review the SEIS and provide comment, in addition to viewing information presented at our open houses (online and in-person).

Following the release of the Draft SEIS, a 60-day public comment period was initiated and is now open. The comment period will close on xx-xx-xxxx. After the comment period is closed, comments will be reviewed, responded to and posted here for public review.

[Review the SEIS](#)
[Provide Comments](#)


#### 1. Watch our videos for more information

What is an SEIS?



What are we evaluating?



How do I read and comment?



> What is the Draft SEIS?

> What does the Modified LPA include?

#### 2. Read more about the Draft SEIS findings

> Transportation

> Transportation

> Community

> Environmental

#### 3. Review the SEIS document and technical reports

> Summary - Available in 8 Languages

> Front Matter, Table of Contents, List of Acronyms & Abbreviations

> Chapter 1. Purpose and Need

> Chapter 2. Description of Alternatives

> Chapter 3.0 Existing Conditions and Environmental Consequences

> Chapter 4. Section 4(f)

> Appendices

> Technical Reports

#### 4. Submit a comment

First Name \* Last Name \* \* Required

Business or Organization

# Draft SEIS Website

## The Draft SEIS webpage will provide:

- The Draft SEIS
- Educational materials
- Ability to provide public comment

# Discussion Questions

- ▶ **Do you feel prepared to read and comment on the Draft SEIS?**
- ▶ **Are you able to share information about the comment period with your networks?**
  - Is there anything you need from us to help spread the word that we haven't mentioned today?



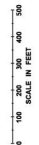
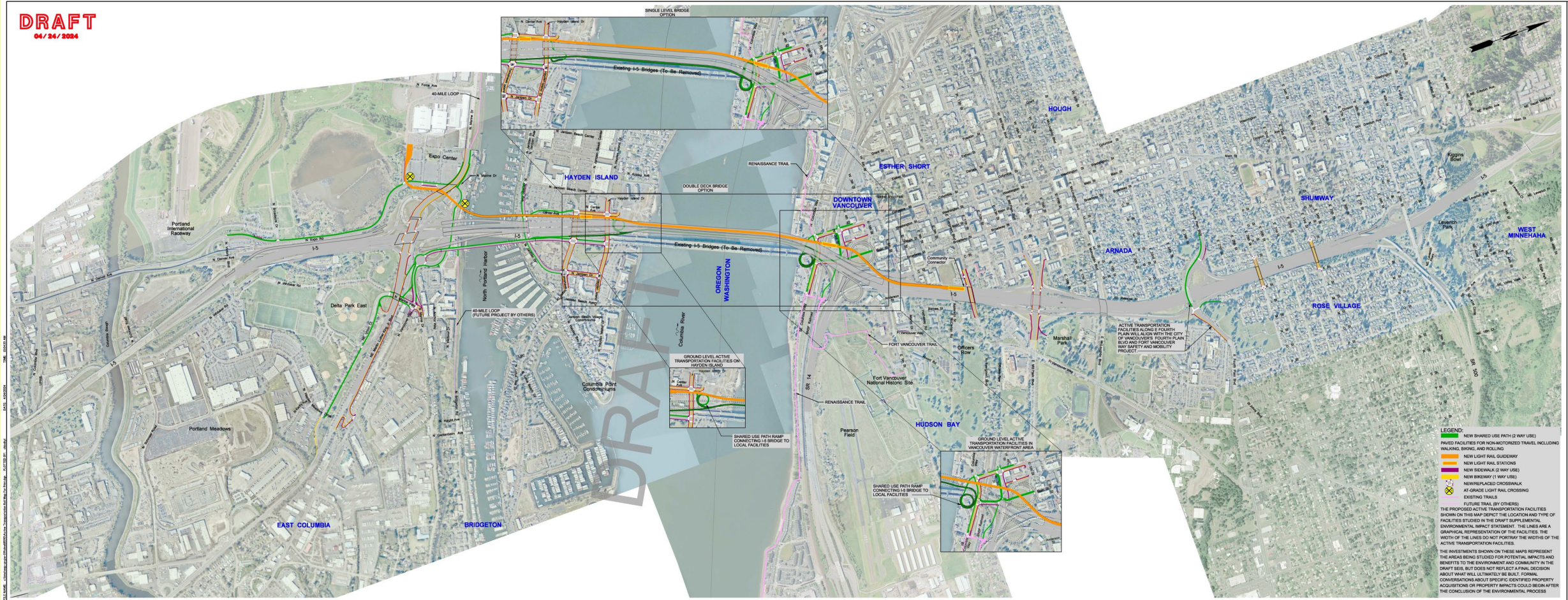


# Active Transportation Roll Map

Steve Katko, IBR Design Lead

# Active Transportation

**DRAFT**  
06/24/2024



INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION - DOUBLE DECK BRIDGE OPTION  
**THIS MAP IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES**



View the Active Transportation Roll Map,  
<https://www.interstatebridge.org/media/sz1bqxew/active-transportation-roll-map-8-19-24-update.pdf>

September 12, 2024

# Purpose

- ▶ The intent of the AT roll map is to share what is in the Draft SEIS for active transportation
- ▶ Base design is the same between the AT roll map and the program corridor roll map
- ▶ AT roll plot emphasizes the location of active transportation facilities and screens back auto facilities to improve clarity
- ▶ AT roll plot shows the type of active transportation facility improvements (2-way Shared Use Path, 2-way Sidewalks, 1 –way Bikeway)
- ▶ Neither map reflects final decisions

## Active Transportation Roll Map



## Program Corridor Roll Map



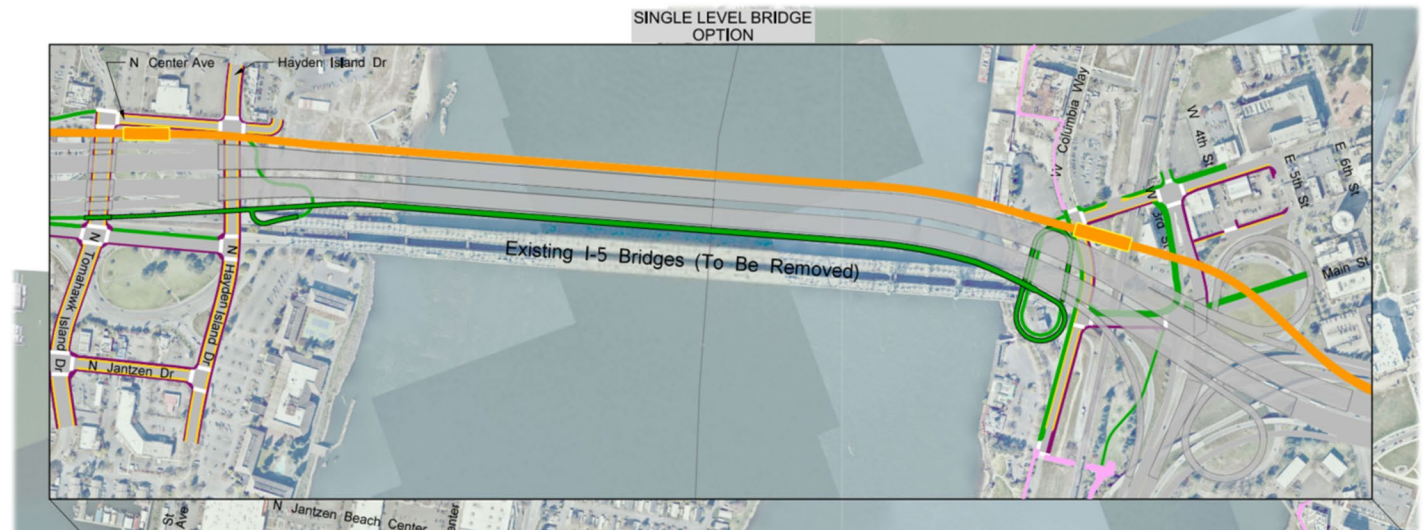
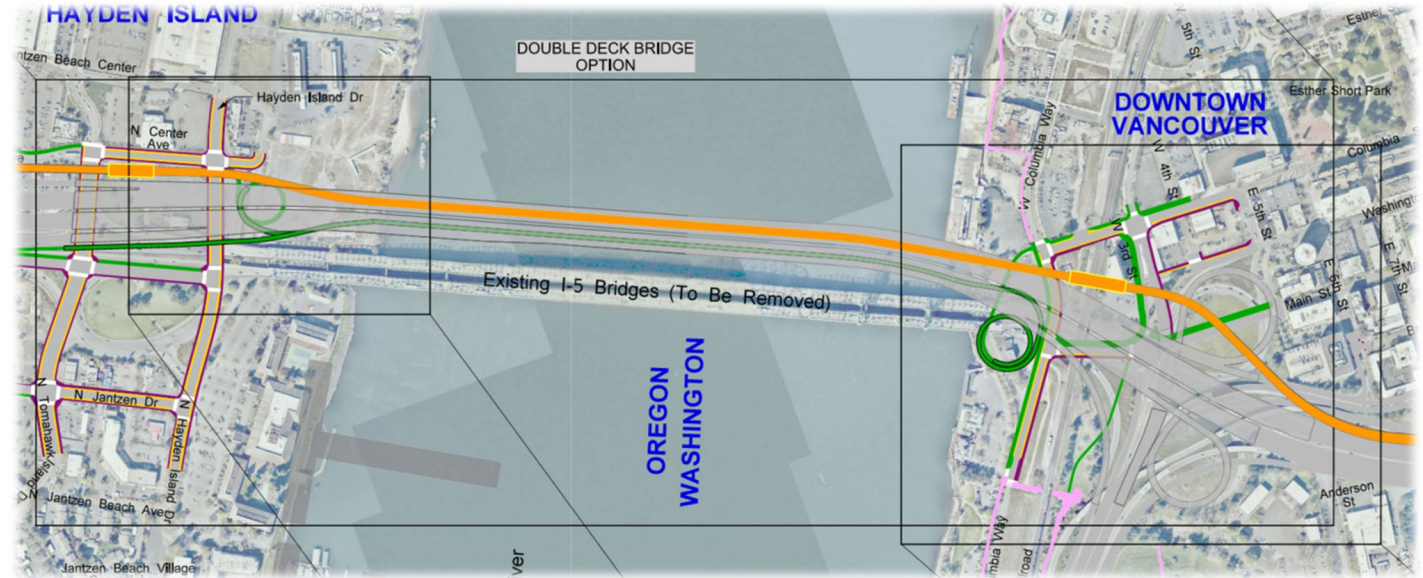
# Marine Drive Area

- ▶ Green = 2-way Shared Use Paths
- ▶ Purple = Sidewalks
- ▶ Yellow = 1-way Bikeways
- ▶ Orange = Light Rail
- ▶ At grade rail crossings
- ▶ Work underway on videos to depict how AT users will travel from one area to another



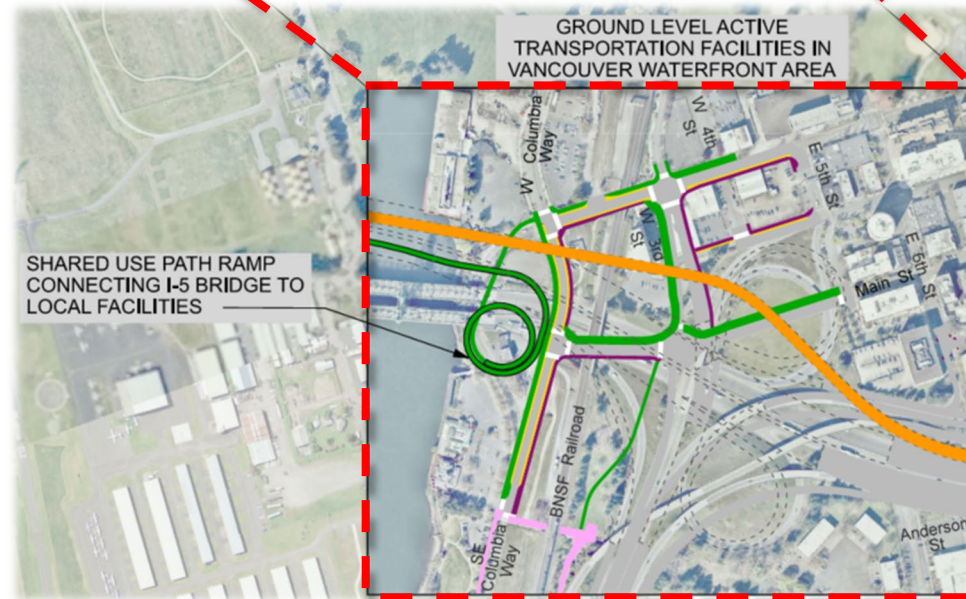
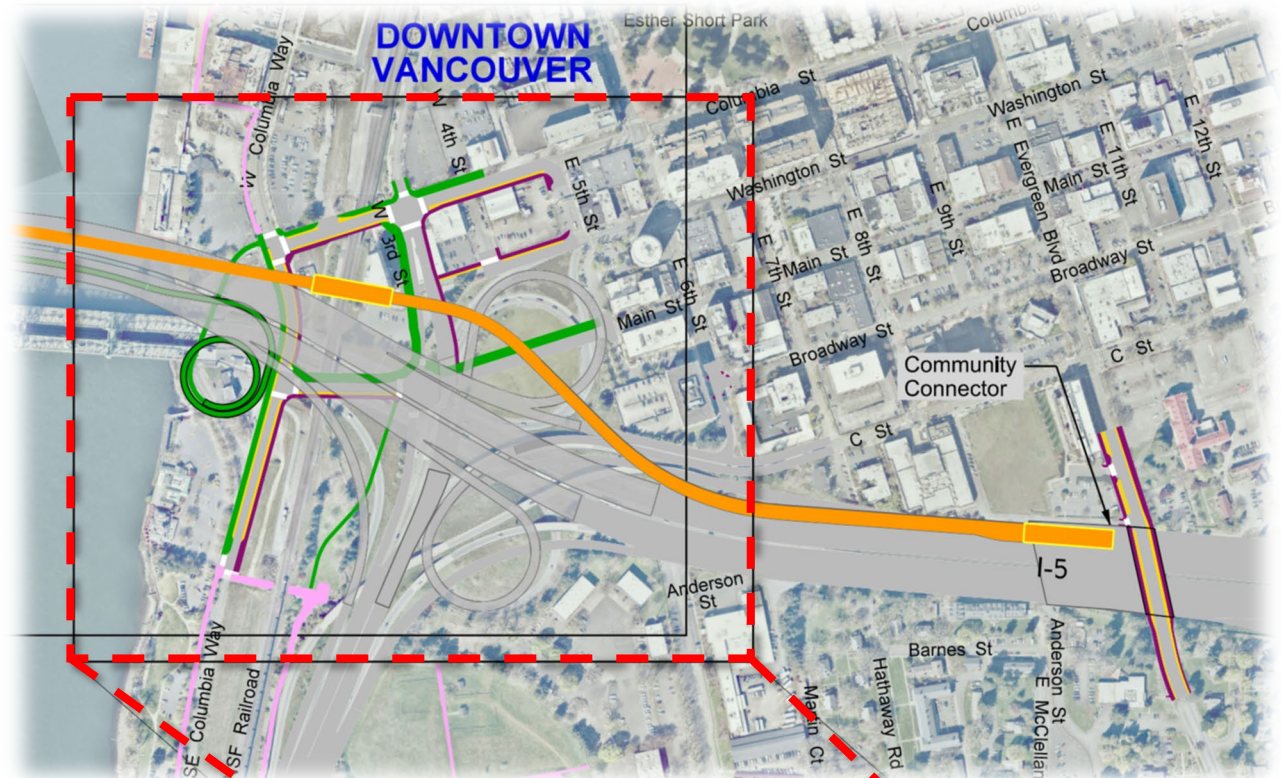
# Columbia River Bridge

- ▶ Double deck and single level bridge options included on AT roll plot
- ▶ Active transportation facility widths, grades, and elevation differences are discussed in the Draft SEIS



# Downtown Vancouver

- ▶ Matching into both existing facilities (e.g. Columbia Street) and planned facilities (e.g. Main Street)
- ▶ Insert provided for clarity at ground level beneath the new bridge



# Active Transportation Roll Map

- ▶ **The Active Transportation Roll Map can be found here on the website [IBR Modified LPA | Interstate Bridge Replacement Program](#)**

## Modified LPA and Program Components

The following components are being analyzed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and may be modified by the environmental evaluation and public input. In some instances, multiple design concepts are being studied (e.g., park and ride locations and roadway alignment) to better understand the range of impacts and better optimize the design to avoid environmental resources.

**All images shown are conceptual for the purpose of analysis and do not represent final design.**

**[To view a roll map of the program corridor, click here\\*](#)** 

**[To view a roll map of active transportation improvements, click here\\*](#)** 

\*Remediation available upon request.



# What's Next?



# Upcoming Meetings

- ▶ Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
  - September 16, 2024 – 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- ▶ Community Benefits Advisory Group (CBAG)
  - September 26, 2024 – 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- ▶ Community Advisory Group (CAG)
  - October 10, 2024 – 4:00 - 6:00 PM

# Public Comment

# Comment Instructions

## To make a verbal comment:

- ▶ To make a live comment via phone, dial: +1 646 931 3860 or +1 408 638 0968
  - Meeting ID: 986 0940 5983
  - Passcode: 701376
- ▶ Dial \*9 to raise your hand
- ▶ 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](mailto:info@interstatebridge.org) with “CAG Public Comment” in the subject line.



- ▶ Call **360-859-0494** (Washington), **503-897-9218** (Oregon), **888-503-6735** (toll-free) and state "CAG Public Comment" in your message.
- ▶ Written comments need to explicitly say “**CAG Public Comment**” in the subject line or in the body of the message for them to be identified and distributed to CAG 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.



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