



Community Advisory Group Meeting

November 14, 2024



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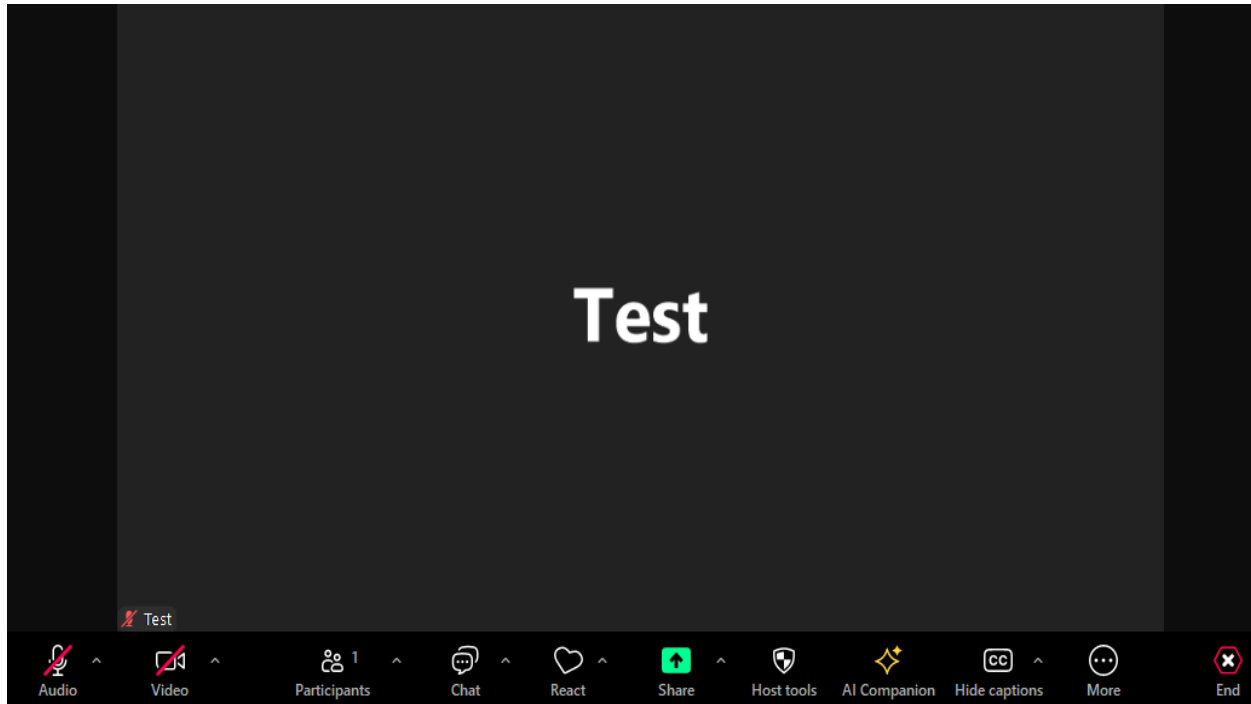
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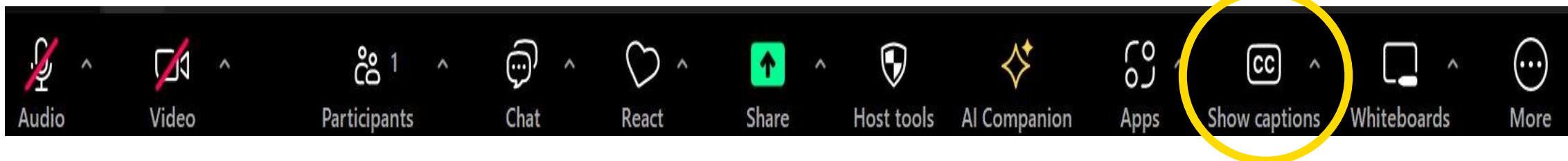
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- ▶ To make sure the interpreter is always visible please right click their video and select spotlight video.
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Public Input Instructions

- ▶ 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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Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
4:00 p.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meeting Overview○ Introductions○ Program Update
4:25 p.m.	Discuss and provide feedback on Potential CBAG Recommendations: for the 'Avoid Further Harm' Category and 'Mobility & Accessibility Category (Tranche 2 cont'd)
4:55 p.m.	Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Snapshot of Navigation Findings○ Summary of Recent Outreach Events and Next Steps for Closing Out Public Comment Period
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, CAG Co-Chair

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

- ▶ **Section 106 Public Comment Period**
 - Oct. 18 – Nov. 18, 2024
 - www.interstatebridge.org/cultural-resources-open-house
- ▶ **Draft SEIS Virtual Public Hearings**
 - Oct. 26
 - Oct. 30
 - Recordings available at www.interstatebridge.org/DraftSEIS
- ▶ **Community Event Tabling**
 - Vancouver Farmers Market
 - Vancouver Ballet Folklorico Dia de los Muertos



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Accessing the Draft SEIS

- ▶ **The document is available now and accessible by all community members**
 - Adheres to ADA standards
 - Online search function to easily locate specific information
 - Executive Summary is interpreted into multiple languages
- ▶ **View the Draft SEIS document, Executive Summary and technical reports online at:** www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS
- ▶ **Hard copies are available for in-person review:**
 - IBR office: 500 Broadway, Suite 200, Vancouver
 - Vancouver City Hall: 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver
 - Vancouver Community Library: 901 C Street, Vancouver
 - The Charles Jordan Community Center: 9009 N Foss Ave, Portland
 - The Portland Building: 1120 SW Fifth Ave, Portland
- ▶ **IBR Office Hours**
 - Sign-up online using the links in the Office Hours event pages on the Program's calendar at www.InterstateBridge.org/calendar

How to Comment

- ▶ **Comment through Nov. 18 using one of these methods:**
 - Submit a web-based form at www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS
 - Email a comment to DraftSEIS@InterstateBridge.org
 - Send a comment to the IBR office through the mail
 - 500 Broadway, Suite 200, Vancouver WA 98660
 - Call the IBR office to leave a verbal comment at 866-IBR-SEIS (427-7347)
- ▶ **Comments can be provided in your native language.**



We want to hear your comments!

- ▶ Comments provide feedback that helps the Program refine design options, update technical analysis and inform the Final SEIS.
- ▶ Comments should be specific to information you learned or read within the Draft SEIS.
- ▶ When sharing an opinion on design options or the analysis, provide information from the analysis that helped form that opinion.
- ▶ For a comment to be included as part of the formal record, it must be submitted in one of the official ways.
- ▶ Comments submitted through social media and informal conversations will not be recorded as formal comments.
- ▶ To ensure the administrative record accurately and completely reflects the documentation received during the public comment period, written comments should not include any hyperlinks to outside materials or information. Any materials or information you wish to have considered should be included within the submitted comment.
- ▶ Attachments to e-mails must be specifically referenced in the comment text, including specific citations to page number and passage from the attachments.
- ▶ All audio/video attachments must be transcribed or submitted via the Draft SEIS voicemail line.

Inform/Consult Session on IBR Community Benefits

Mobility & Accessibility Category (Tranche 2 cont'd)

Emilee Thomas-Peralta, Equity Team

IBR Equity Objective

- ▶ **Mobility and Accessibility:** Improve mobility, accessibility, and connectivity, especially for lower income travelers, people with disabilities, and historically underserved communities who experience transportation barriers.

Potential Community Benefits Recommendations

► Mobility and Accessibility:

- Conduct a comparative analysis of program areas to optimize traffic flow and accessibility
- Design team to consider providing adequate shelter for all weather conditions at transit stations including rain, wind, and heat. Special considerations should be made for the unique needs of the elevated transit station
- Consider safety when determining locations for public restrooms near transit stations
- Design team to consider incorporation of drought-resistant, naturalized landscaping at public transit locations

Potential Community Benefits Recommendations

► Mobility and Accessibility:

- Consider maintenance, safety, active management, and future proofing in the design aspects of the multi-use paths throughout the program area
- Develop robust trail systems that surpass federal requirements, leveraging creative solutions to increase functionality and community value, and responsive to the community's needs and input.
- Incorporate innovative solutions to exceed ADA requirements, enhancing accessibility and mobility thoughtfully
- Expand the bridge's bike and pedestrian paths and install barriers to separate them from vehicular traffic, enhancing both safety and noise reduction

Discussion

- ▶ Are these recommendations in line with the CAG community values from your perspective?



Snapshot of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Navigation Findings

Ray Mabey, IBR Assistant Program Administrator

Navigation on the Columbia River

▶ Benefits to marine navigation:

- Reduces the number of in-water piers.
- Increases horizontal navigation clearance to 400 feet.
- Switches the locations of the primary navigation channel and the barge channel.
- Reduces the number of directional changes vessels need to make when transiting both the new Columbia River bridges and the BNSF Railway Bridge.
- Increases seismic resiliency by reducing the risk of bridge failure or collapse.

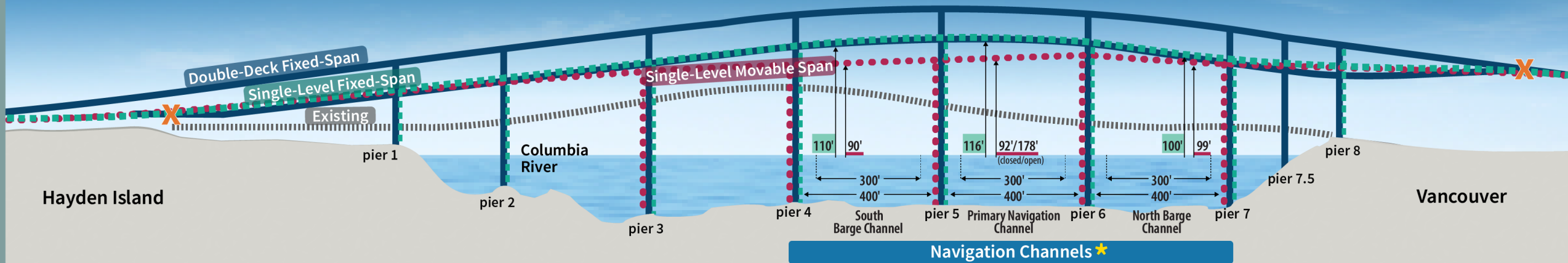
▶ Impacts to marine navigation:

- Reduces the available distance to align with the openings of the Columbia River bridges and the BNSF Railway Bridge.
- Fixed-span bridge reduces the vertical navigation clearance to 116 feet.

▶ Neutral changes to marine navigation:

- Shifts the Upper Vancouver Turning Basin to the west by approximately 350 feet.
- Movable-span bridge maintains the vertical navigation clearance at 178 feet.

Bridge Configuration Clearances



- Double-Deck Fixed-Span Bridge - Upper and Lower Decks
- - - Single-Level Fixed-Span Bridge
- Single-Level Movable-Span Bridge
- Existing Interstate Bridge Profile

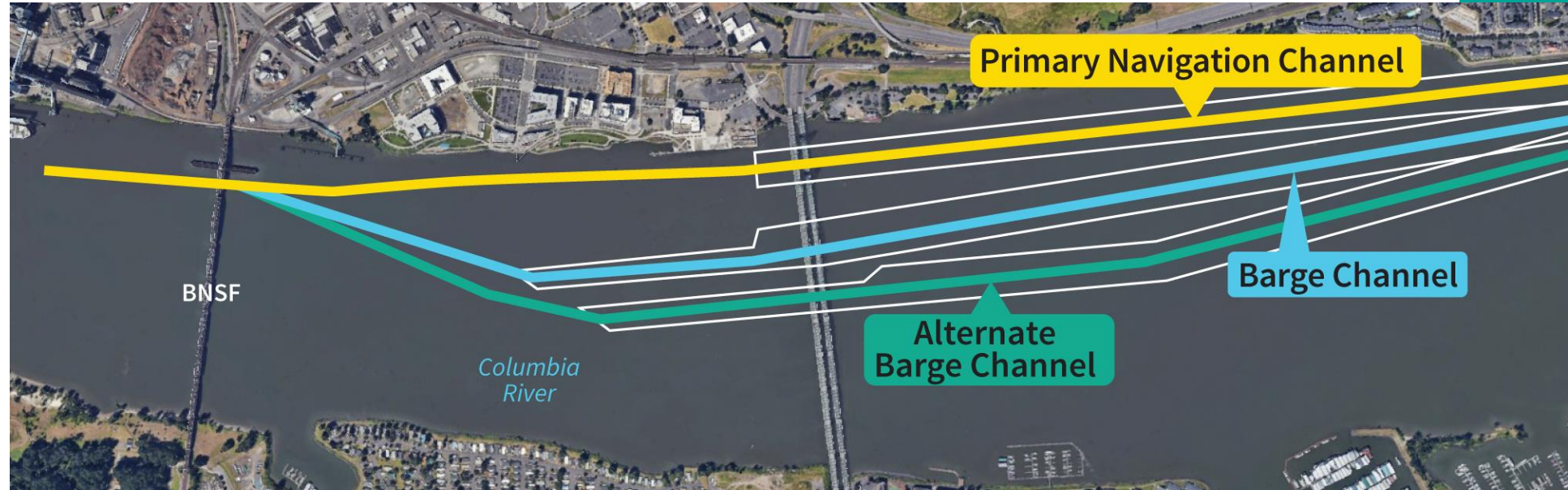
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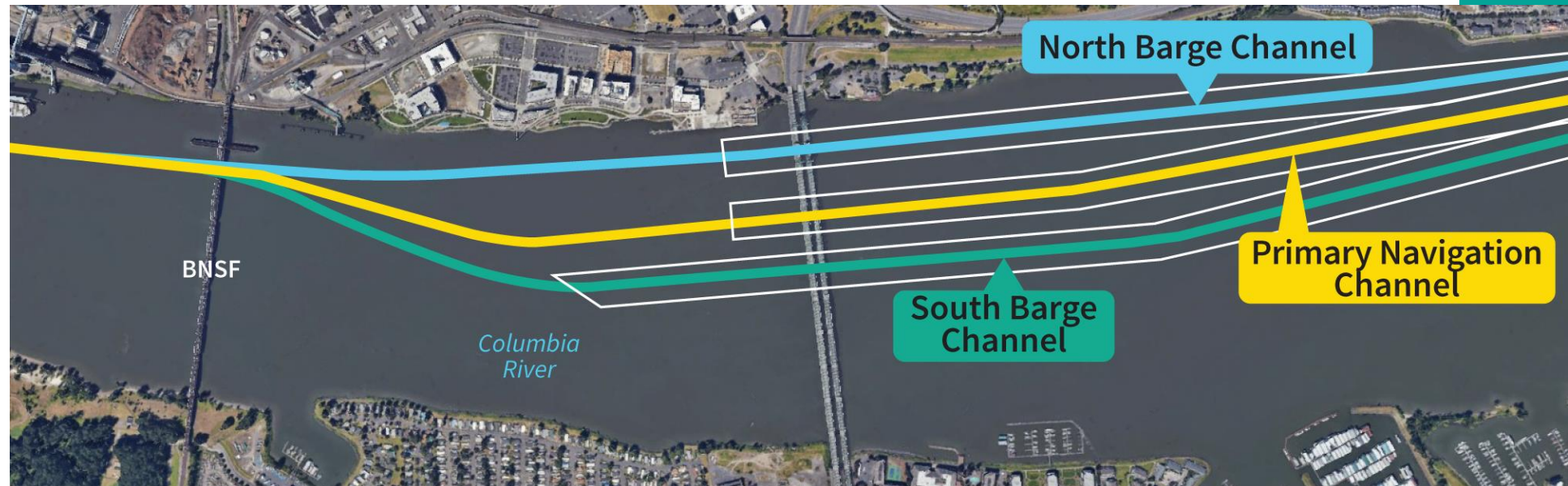
Notes:

- X LRT profile north and south of marked locations is similar between all bridge configuration options.
LRT and SUP profiles are independent of the highway profile to the south of pier 1 and to the north of pier 8 and are not shown.
Profiles for SUP land-side connections in Oregon and Washington are not shown.
Profiles shown are finished grade and top of rail and do not show structure depth.
Vertical clearance based on low point of structure at edge of navigation channel.
- xx' The double-deck fixed-span and single-level fixed-span bridge configurations would have the same vertical navigation clearances
- xx' The movable-span vertical navigation clearances
- ★ Horizontal navigation clearances would be the same for all bridge configurations.

Existing Navigation Channels



Proposed Navigation Channels



Navigation

See **Chapter 3.2** for more information



Draft SEIS Community Engagement update

Hannah Williams, IBR Community Engagement Team

Draft SEIS engagement: events

Event	Dates	Attendance (approx.)
Draft SEIS virtual briefings	Oct. 1 Oct. 9	50
In-person public hearings/open house	Oct. 15 (Vancouver) Oct. 17 (Portland)	200
Virtual public hearings	Oct. 26 Oct. 30	35

Recent Activities

► Recent Presentations

- League of Oregon Cities + Association of Oregon Counties
- Governor's Marketplace
- City of Portland Historic Landmarks Commission
- Columbia River Economic Development Council
- City of Vancouver Transportation and Mobility
- AgForestry Leadership Program
- North Portland Land Use & Transportation Group, plus UPNA and NECN
- Clark County Board of Commissioners
- NAMC (OR)
- Shumway Neighborhood Association
- Fircrest Neighborhood Association
- Clark County Developmental Disabilities Board
- City of Vancouver Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission
- Freight Forum
- Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance
- Arnada Neighborhood Association
- Bridgeton Neighborhood Annual Meeting



Recent Activities (cont.)

▶ Recent Presentations

- Bi-state Legislative Committee
- Downtown Stakeholders Forum
- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
- Professional Business Development Group
- City of Vancouver City Center Redevelopment Authority
- JPACT
- City of Portland Design Commission
- Association of General Contractors
- Esther Short Neighborhood Association
- SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition
- Oregon and Washington Building Trades
- Washington APEX Accelerator Advising Contractor Meet and Greet
- City of Vancouver Planning Commission
- Rose Village Neighborhood Association
- Clackamas County Business Alliance
- City of Vancouver Aviation Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

Draft SEIS engagement: photos



Draft SEIS engagement: CELs

► Purpose:

- Coordinate with Community Engagement Liaisons (CELs) to connect with community members in-language
- Coordination in-process:
 - *Attendance at in-person events*
 - *In-language briefings*
- Language translation and interpretation support



Outreach during the comment period

Activities	Number
Tabling events	4
IBR advisory committee meetings	8
Briefings and presentations to agencies, neighborhood groups	53

What happens when the comment period closes

- ▶ All comments are reviewed and responded to
- ▶ IBR program team coordinates with federal partners on responses
- ▶ An interim public comment summary highlighting the number of comments received and primary topics is anticipated in early 2025
- ▶ Responses to public comments and refinements to design and technical analysis will be published in the Final SEIS in mid to late 2025

What's Next?

Upcoming Meetings

- ▶ Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee
 - November 15, 2024 – 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- ▶ Community Advisory Group(CAG)
 - December 12 , 2024 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group (EAG)
 - December 16, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- ▶ Community Benefits Advisory Group (CBAG)
 - December 19, 2024 – 9:30 – 11:30 AM

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 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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