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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2018
To: Portland Historic Landmarks Commission
From: Arthur Graves, Land Use Services
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Re: Burnside Bridge: Earthquake Ready Briefing – June 25, 2018

The Burnside Bridge: Earthquake Readiness project previously came before the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (PHLC) on September 11, 2018.

Attached is the letter drafted by the PHLC on December 28, 2017 conveying issues of concern regarding the project scope. Chief concerns mentioned in the letter include:

- Alternatives are being moved forward without consideration to adverse impacts to historic fabric.
- Proposed alternatives do not consider impacts to buildings adjacent to the Burnside Bridge; the west side of the bridge terminates in the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District and several contributing resources front on West Burnside.
- Substantial work is being done to the bridge but none of the routes leading up to the bridge are being upgraded.
- Project scope to date has not included identifying the historic elements of the Burnside Bridge that should be retained if at all possible.

The Burnside Bridge: Earthquake Readiness project is here today to update the Commission on results from previous evaluations which eliminated many of the original options. Next steps will also be addressed and discussed.

Issues of concern include:

- Impact to the landmark structure
- The approach to the proposed new bridge resulting in secondary impacts to adjacent buildings and Historic Districts.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.