



City of Portland, Oregon
Bureau of Development Services
Land Use Services
FROM CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION

Ted Wheeler, Mayor
Rebecca Esau, Director
Phone: (503) 823-7300
Fax: (503) 823-5630
TTY: (503) 823-6868
www.portlandoregon.gov/bds

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 03, 2019
To: Portland Historic Landmarks Commission
From: Arthur Graves, Land Use Services | 503.823.7803
Re: Burnside Bridge: Earthquake Ready Briefing – September 09, 2019

The Burnside Bridge: Earthquake Readiness project previously came before the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (PHLC) on September 11, 2017, June 25, 2018 and October 08, 2018.

Primary issues to be addressed at this briefing include:

- The four bridge alternatives, including new information about the high fixed bridge alternative
- Bridge cross sections
- Traffic management approaches
- Draft Evaluation Criteria
- An update on the historic resources inventory

As has been included previously, letters drafted by the PHLC on December 28, 2017 (addressing issues of the scope) and on October 31, 2018 (addressing issues with the proposed “Replacement: Fixed Bridge”) are included.

Summary of September 11, 2017 Briefing:

Presentation of initial project information, timeline, process information and designs.

Summary of June 25, 2018 Briefing:

Presentation of process information and four “screening options” (Enhanced Seismic Retrofit, Low Movable, 97’ High Fixed, and East Couch Couplet) to be carried forward. These raised questions from the Commission regarding primarily the bridge designs, alignments, and continued process moving forward (Memorandum attached).

Summary of October 08, 2018 Briefing:

Presentation focusing on updating the Commission on results and feedback from recent public outreach prior to the next steps (which is the NEPA process), and the November 01, 2018 vote by Multnomah County and the FHWA regarding:

- The bridge options to carry forward,
- The Purpose and Need of the bridge replacement, and
- The list of topics that need to be addressed by the project.

Note: The Burnside Bridge Earthquake Readiness has briefed the Design Commission once, on October 18, 2018.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.