

Portland City Council IGA Amendment Project Briefing

Multnomah County Transportation Division Department of Community Services December 16, 2021

Agenda



Action Today

• Approve Amendment to City / County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to include support services for Supplemental Draft Env. Impact Statement (SDEIS)

Project Briefing

- Review recommended Preferred Alternative identified in Feb 2021 DEIS
- Review cost savings refinements evaluated in upcoming publication of SDEIS (Spring 2022)
- Review next steps







City / County IGA amendment to support SDEIS

- Adds budget and extends timeline
 - Dec 2021 to Dec 2022
- Standard process for large regional transportation projects
- IGA managed by PBOT for all City Bureaus









Regional Earthquake Risk

CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE (CSZ) EARTHQUAKE

Last major quake in Oregon occurred 321 years ago, a timespan that exceeds 75% of the intervals between the major quakes to hit Oregon over the last 10,000 years.







Earthquake Risk: Images of 2010 Chilean Earthquake, magnitude 8.8











Why Burnside?

- Regional lifeline route
- Runs almost 19 miles, from Washington County to Mount Hood Highway (US 26)

EARTHQUAKE

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- Located in the heart of downtown, it is a key link across the Willamette River
- Fewest risks of having overpasses collapse on it during an earthquake







Project Purpose and Need

Seismic Resiliency and Emergency Response

Regional Recovery and Rebuilding





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Timeline









Project Status



Project Status



Initial Preferred Alternative: Replacement Long Span



BENEFITS

- Best for seismic resiliency
- Least cost alternative
- Enhances/preserves community resources
- Improves safety for bike/ped/ADA
- Least impacts to natural resources

IMPACTS

 Removes historic Burnside Bridge

CONSIDERATIONS

• Views



NEPA Phase Overview (Jan 2019 – Current)

2020 DEIS Recommended Preferred Alternatives - Replacement Long Span





Girder Option (West Approach Only)





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Project Status

Cross Sections



Existing



Proposed in DEIS





What we heard...



Summer 2020 Online Survey

Is the Replacement Long Span the right choice?

87.8% agree with the Replacement Long Span



Is a full bridge closure during construction the right choice?

84.4% agree with a full bridge closure





Project Status



Funding Context: Must achieve an affordable Project to be viable





*Note: City of Portland and other local cities agreed to forego VRF revenue to offer financial support of the project.

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Cost considerations have changed over the last year

- Failure of the 2020 Regional Transportation Bond Measure which would have allocated \$150 million to the project
- High competition for funding of large infrastructure projects
- Increasing labor and materials costs have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic









Guiding Principles

- Moving forward with recommended Long Span Replacement
 Alternative
- Ensure the Purpose and Need is met
 - Seismic resiliency
 - Emergency response and regional recovery
 - Long term transportation needs
- Maintain County's equity lens





West Approach Bridge Type





West Approach Bridge Type: Existing Condition







West Approach Bridge Type Recommendation: Girder Type







Movable Span Bridge Type





Movable Span Bridge Type: Existing Condition





Movable Span Bridge Types

Recommendation: Bascule Bridge













Narrow Bridge Width





Bridge Width

Existing Cross Section



DEIS Cross Section



Refined Cross Section







Bridge Width: 4-Lane Traffic Configurations

BALANCED: 2 WB Lanes / 1 EB + 1 Bus Lane



EASTBOUND FOCUS: 1 WB Lane / 2 EB + 1 Bus Lane





Notes: (1) Also analyzed impacts to adjacent bridges (2) 15.5' bike/ped space shown; 14' to 17' bike/ped spaces under consideration



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REVERSIBLE LANE



BUS QUEUE JUMP: 2 WB Lanes / 2 EB Lanes (Bus queue jump)





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Community Engagement: Mid-November to Mid-December 2021



Objective: Share revisions to the Preferred Alternative and seek community feedback.

Key Activities:

- Online Open House and Survey
- Virtual Briefings
- Video
- Webinar
- E-newsletters, news releases and social media
- Diverse outreach through the Community Engagement Liaisons program



Next Steps



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Key Milestones – 2022 Look Ahead

- **Spring 2022** Publication of Supplemental Draft EIS and public comment period
- Summer 2022 Selection of A&E and CM/GC Contractor
 - Incorporate FHWA/ODOT Project Labor Agreement and Community Benefits Agreement
- Winter 2022 Final EIS and Record of Decision
 - Adoption of Refined Preferred Alternative
- Winter 2022 Design Phase Launch
 - Continued coordination around connection to Eastbank Esplanade



Connection to Eastbank Esplanade



Existing Conditions





Connection to Eastbank Esplanade



City and County to coordinate on Potential Ramp Options







Public Testimony





Discussion

