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Briefing

DISCUSSION MEMO

Date: May 13, 2022
To: Historic Landmarks Commission
From: Tim Heron, Design / Historic Review Team
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Re: Interstate Bridge Replacement Project Briefing – May 23, 2022

Attached is a memo and presentation from Hayli Reff, Interstate Bridge Replacement Cultural Resources Program Manager, regarding the upcoming presentation to the Historic Landmarks Commission on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project.

The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) program would replace the existing Interstate 5 (I-5) bridge across the Columbia River with a modern, seismically resilient, multimodal structure. Current planning work has defined the physical and contextual changes that have occurred in the program area since 2013 and builds upon previous planning efforts accomplished as part of the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. To address these changes, the IBR program, in coordination with program partners and the community, developed design options, desired outcomes, and transit investments, in order to identify a Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to be further studied through a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement is estimated to be published by late 2023.

As part of the SDEIS, the program is re-initiating work for Section 106. The program has identified agencies and organizations with a vested interest in the cultural resources potentially impacted by the program and has invited them to participate as Section 106 Consulting Parties.

Looking forward at an anticipated Type 4 Demolition Review process for the Landmark Interstate Bridge, it would be helpful if the Commission identified values that the project team should consider. These may include:

- Large-scale project impacts on the Vanport site and potentially other archeological sites.
- Whether any Commissioners want to be involved directly with that process via meetings and reviewing the plans or if PHLC would prefer that their involvement is kept to briefings with staff reviewing the plans and attending the meetings.
- Acknowledgement that just documenting the history of Vanport may not be sufficient mitigation as there is already an MOU in place to do just that (see attached).

Please contact me with any questions.

Att: *IBRP Cover Memo*
IBRP "Read Ahead" PPT
IBRP Landmarks Presentation
MOA between USA Corp of Engineers and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office [2021]