



City of Portland Historic Landmarks Commission

Briefing

SUMMARY MEMO

Date: October 30, 2023
To: Hayli Reff, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program
From: Hillary Adam, Design / Historic Review
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Re: Briefing on Section 106 Report for Interstate Bridge Replacement Project
Summary of October 9, 2023 Historic Landmarks Commission Briefing

Thank you for taking advantage of the opportunity to hold a preliminary briefing with the Historic Landmarks Commission regarding your project. I hope you find it informative and valuable as you continue with your project development. Attached is a brief summary of the comments provided by the Historic Landmarks Commission at the October 9, 2023 Briefing. This summary was generated from notes taken at the public meeting and a subsequent review of the public meeting recordings. To review those recordings, please visit: <https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/record/16345526>.

These Historic Landmarks Commission comments are intended to guide you in further design exploration of your project. These comments may also inform City staff when giving guidance over the course of future related land use reviews. It should be understood that these comments address the project as presented on October 9, 2023. As the project design evolves, the comments, too, may evolve or may no longer be pertinent.

Preliminary briefings are not intended to substitute for other Code-required land use or legislative procedures.

Please continue to coordinate with me, Hillary Adam, as necessary as you prepare your formal land use application.

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Cc: Historic Landmarks Commission

This memo summarizes **Landmarks Commission** design direction provided on October 9, 2023.

Commissioners in attendance on March 13, 2023 include: Smith, Moreland, Minor, Roman, Moretti, Davis

All comments:

- Commissioners thanked the project team for providing such a thorough, informative, and well-thought-out presentation. They appreciated the team coming to present early in the process and looked forward to future discussions on mitigation.
- Commissioner expressed confidence in the project team's due diligence and that the Section 106 responsibilities are being well handled.
- One Commissioner asked if this Commission and the corresponding Commission across the river could have a joint meeting with the project team to discuss mitigation.
- One Commissioner asked about the possibility of creating stronger connections to the Expo Center and its history as part of this project.
- One Commissioner noted that its important to consider not just how we mitigate for the loss of the bridge but how mitigation is integrated into the design so that it is not applied later. He stated that mitigation should be something more meaningful than signage and should speak not just to the history of the bridge but to the history of the river and all the people that have lived here over time. He hoped that the mitigation doesn't come so late in the process that the design team has to figure out how to accommodate it.

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Please contact me with any questions.