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*Replacement Program*



# IBR Program Update

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# Program Area Map

- ▶ Investments shown represent the areas being studied for potential impacts and benefits, but do not reflect a final decision about what will be built

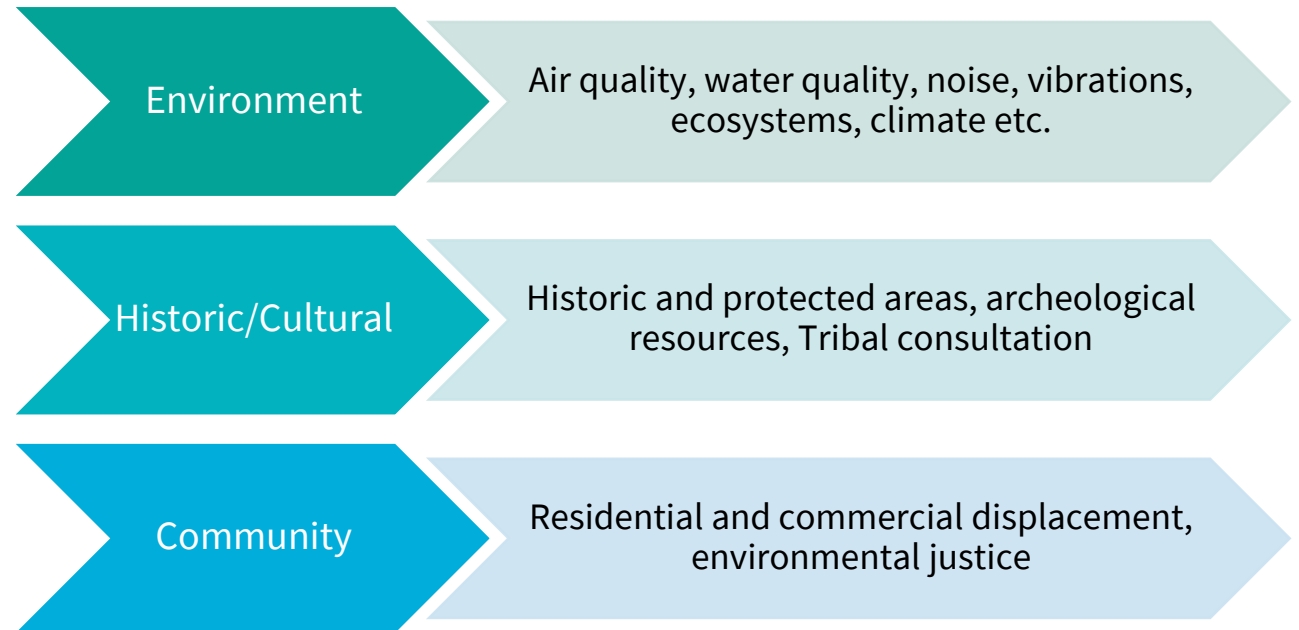


Program area map is available at: [www.interstatebridge.org/media/fnjho04j/mlpa-roll-plot-5-25-23.pdf](http://www.interstatebridge.org/media/fnjho04j/mlpa-roll-plot-5-25-23.pdf)

# What is NEPA?

## National Environmental Policy Act of 1970

- ▶ Requires federal agencies to **assess and disclose environmental effects of proposed actions** prior to making decisions.
- ▶ Ensures agencies consider public comments as part of their decision making.





# Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

- ▶ **Supplements (or builds on) past NEPA documents and decisions**
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (2008)
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement & Record of Decision (2011)
  - Two re-evaluations (2012, 2013)
- ▶ **SEIS focuses analysis on components that have changed since prior planning efforts**

## Draft SEIS

- ▶ **Evaluates two alternatives**
  - Updated No Build Alternative
  - Modified LPA
- ▶ **Design is conceptual**
  - General alignments and locations of transportation facilities
- ▶ **Impacts and benefits**
  - Mix of quantitative and qualitative analysis
- ▶ **Mitigation**
  - Proposed measures to address unavoidable adverse impacts where possible



# SEIS Process

- ▶ **The IBR program is studying the Modified LPA and a No-Build Alternative to understand the effects of each alternative on the natural and built environment**
  - The Modified LPA is not the final design but identifies key elements to study in the SEIS process
- ▶ **The results of the analysis will be published in the Draft SEIS this winter**
  - All of the findings will be published for public review and comment
  - No decisions or changes to elements of the Modified LPA will be made until after all information is disclosed publicly and there has been time for community and partner feedback
  - Additional analysis will be completed to confirm that the Modified LPA can adequately address Purpose and Need
  - Additional refinements and adjustments can be made to the Modified LPA in response to public comments and other design considerations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts identified in the Draft SEIS
- ▶ **The program anticipates publishing the Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision in 2024**



# River Crossing Visualizations

- ▶ **These images show five different bridge types based upon the three configurations being studied (single-level, double-level, movable span).**
  - The images are not meant for decision-making or narrowing of options.
- ▶ **Technical analysis will compare the trade-offs between the three bridge configurations.**
  - The community will have an opportunity to review the analysis and provide input during the 60-day public comment period.
  - A decision regarding bridge configuration is expected to be made in 2024 before the start of the Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision.
  - Considerations to determine bridge type will occur once a decision on bridge configuration is made.

## Single-level Bridge - Extradosed

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*



## Single-level Bridge - Finback

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*





## Single-level Bridge - Concrete

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*



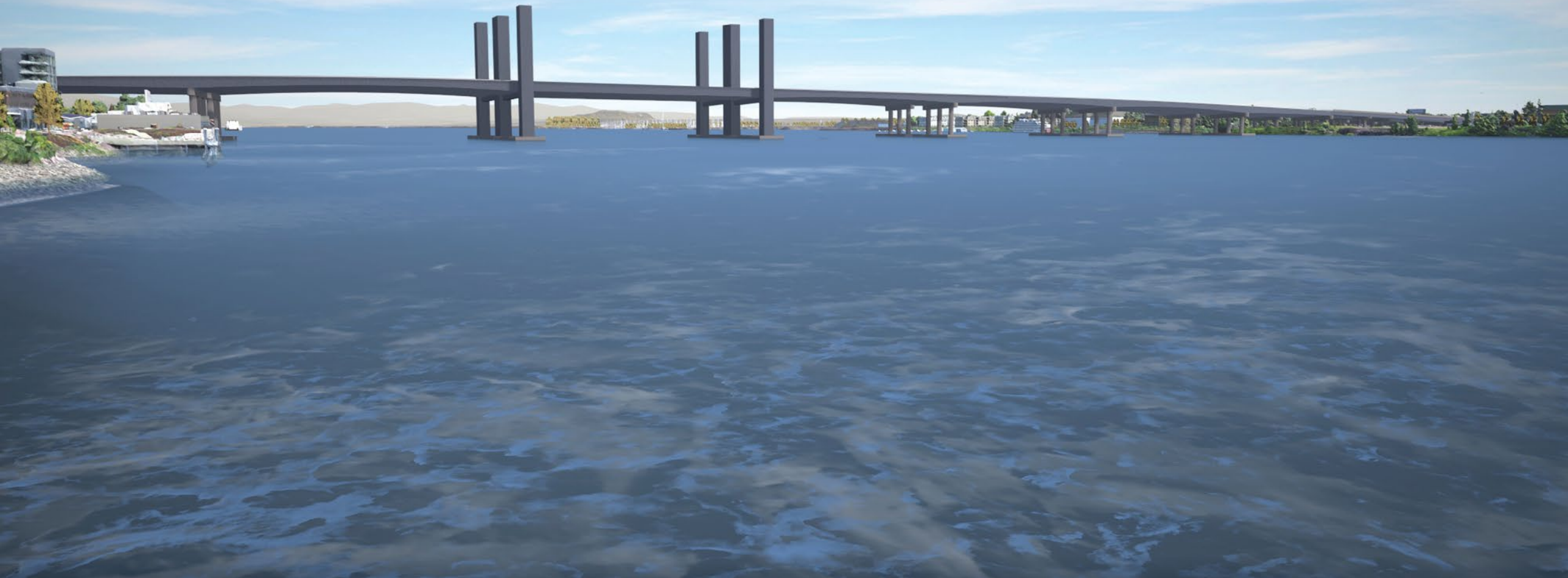
## Single-level Bridge - Steel Girder

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*



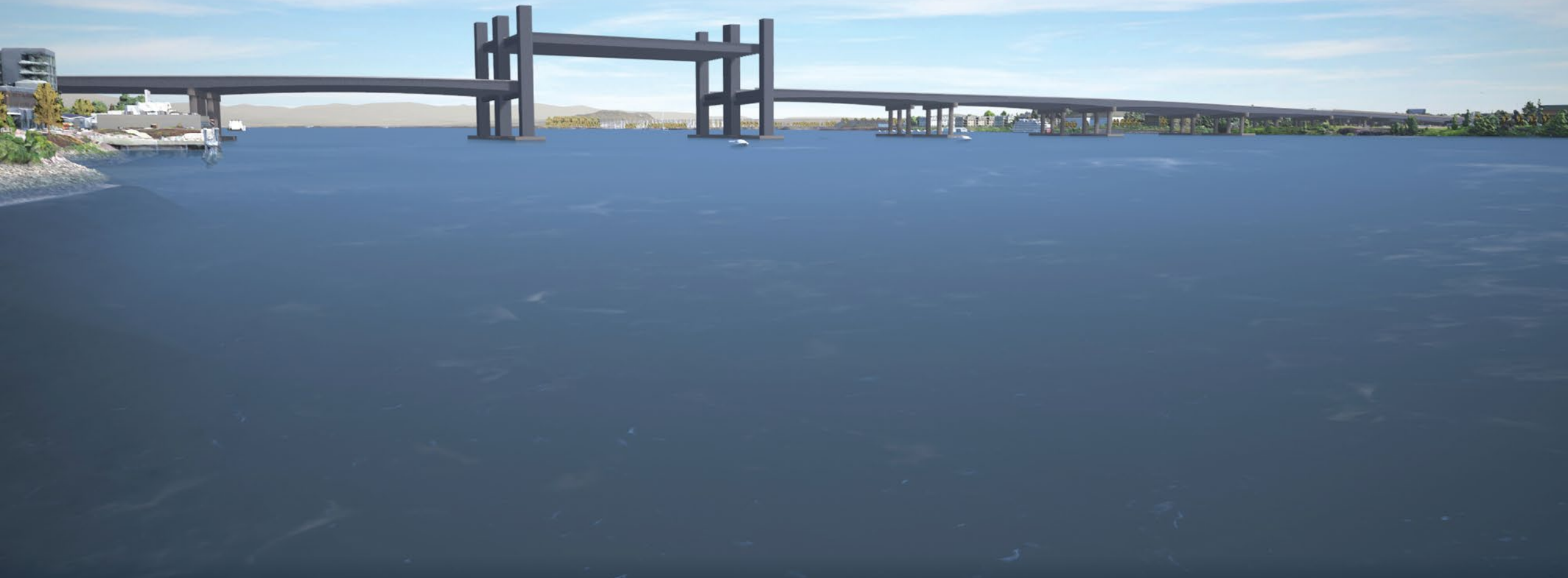
# Movable Bridge - Steel Girder - Closed

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*



## Movable Bridge - Steel Girder - Open

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*



## Double-level Bridge - Truss

*Vancouver Grant Street Pier, west of bridge*





# Section 106 Overview

- ▶ National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- ▶ Consulting Parties
- ▶ Role of the Consulting Parties



# Section 106 Documentation Updates

- ▶ **Historic Built Environment Baseline Survey Reports**
- ▶ **Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs)**
  - Completed for:
    - *Properties recommended potentially eligible in the Baseline*
    - *Properties determined eligible 10+ years previously*
    - *Properties that would be partially or completely removed by the IBR program*
  - Not completed for:
    - *Properties recommended not eligible in the Baseline*
    - *Properties with recent SHPO/DAHP determinations of eligibility*
    - *Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places*



# Section 106 Documentation Updates

## ▶ Section 106 Findings of Effect (FOEs)

### – Completed for:

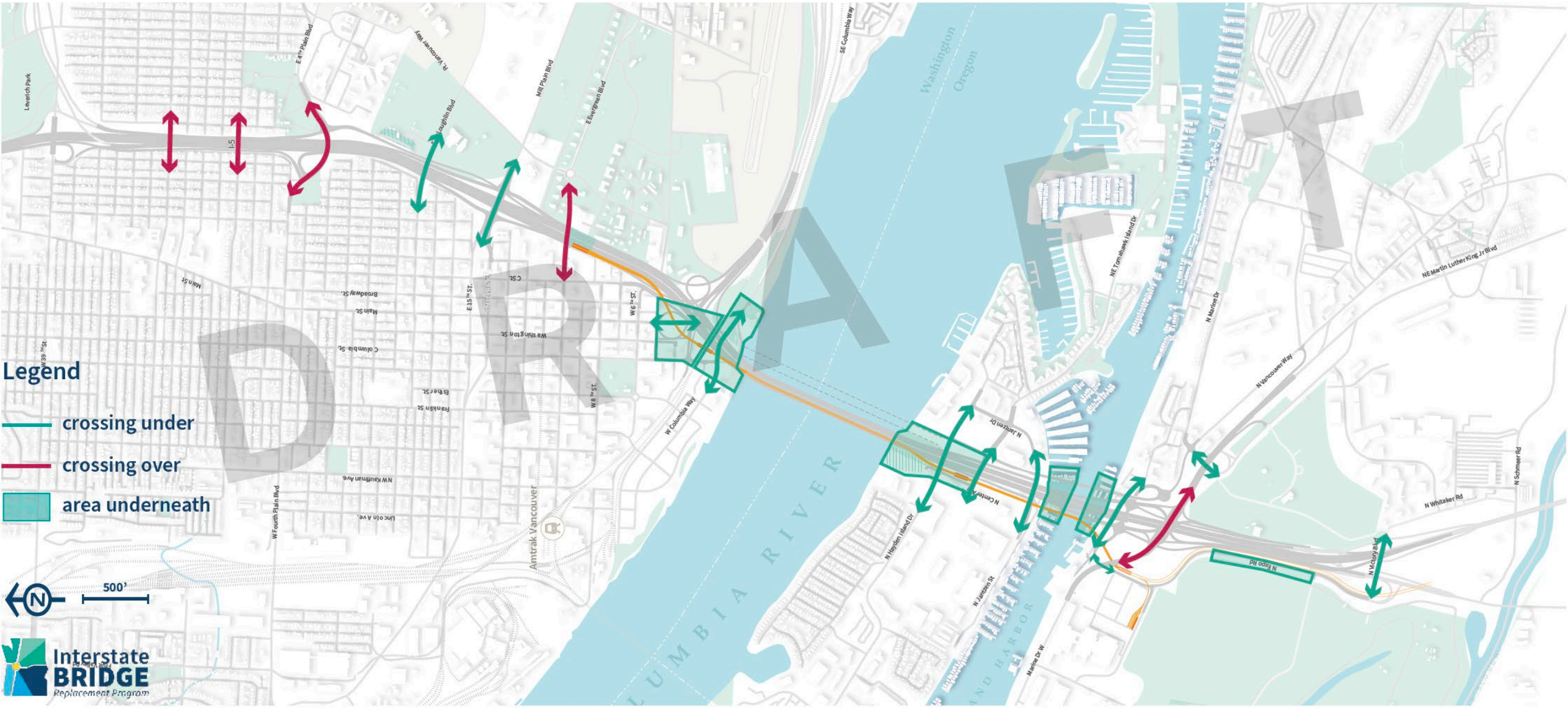
- *Properties determined eligible in DOEs prepared for the IBR Program*
- *Properties with recent SHPO/DAHP determinations of eligibility*
- *Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places*

### – Possible findings:

- *Adverse Effect*
- *No Adverse Effect*
- *No Effect*



# Crossings along the I5 Corridor





# Next Steps

- ▶ **Draft SEIS: Early 2024**
  - Ongoing Community Engagement to support Draft SEIS process
  - Tribal Consultation
  - 60-Day Public Comment period
    - *Additional community engagement activities including public hearing(s)*
- ▶ **Refinements to design will be made to address public comments, identify mitigation, and confirm a corridor-wide alternative**
- ▶ **Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision: Late 2024 / Early 2025**
- ▶ **Begin construction: Late 2025 / Early 2026**

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