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Briefing

DISCUSSION MEMO

Date: October 10, 2024
To: Portland Design Commission
From: Tim Heron, Design / Historic Review Team
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Re: Interstate Bridge Replacement Project, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Briefing – October 17, 2024

On September 20, 2024 the IBR program published the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS), which marks the beginning of the 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closes on November 18, 2024.

The information presented at this meeting is intended to increase awareness of the IBR program and inform Commission members about the Draft SEIS findings and the opportunity to provide public comment until November 18, 2024. City staff working on the IBR program will continue to keep the Commission updated. For detailed information, please refer to: <https://www.interstatebridge.org>.

Please note particularly the attached **PBOT Memorandum to Portland City Council 9-16-2024**, which includes the following regarding the Urban Design Advisory Group:

*Urban Design: IBRP has demonstrated a willingness to engage with communities on both sides of the river on urban design. However, IBRP has determined they will not reestablish an Urban Design Advisory Group like the past project effort. With that, IBRP has stated they will **develop a public involvement plan to identify the appropriate stakeholder groups and methods of engagement around urban design elements**. In fall 2023, City Design and Historic Landmarks Commissions communicated to IBRP (through City staff) their interest in collaborating with the City of Vancouver's counterparts to provide coordinated input. This will be essential as IBRP moves into the subsequent design phase.*

If the Commission wants to write a letter or provide a formal comment, it needs to be addressed to PBOT and arrive by early November, November 1, 2024 if possible, for inclusion in the city's response.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Tim

Attached:

- *PBOT Letter to Portland City Council IBRP DSEIS 9-16-24*
- *Interstate Bridge DSEIS Cover Memo 2024-10-17*
- *IBR Portland Design Commission Presentation 10-17-24*