

## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2024

To: Chair Brian McCarter, Vice Chair Chandra Robinson, and Design Commission members

From: Casey Liles, Delivery Manager, Interstate Bridge Replacement program  
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Subject: IBR Draft SEIS Findings

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### Background

The City of Portland is one of eight local partner agencies on the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) program, which covers a five-mile corridor along Interstate 5, including the Interstate Bridge and seven interchanges.

The proposed program investments associated with the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative approved in 2022, include a replacement bridge over the Columbia River and the North Portland Harbor, a partial interchange on Hayden Island, a full interchange at Marine Drive, local roadway improvements, extension of light rail service with one station on Hayden Island, enhanced bus services and connections, and new pedestrian/bicycle facilities such as a shared use path over the river.

At this meeting, IBR program staff will provide an overview of the NEPA process, the proposed program investments and design options studied in the Draft SEIS, a high-level overview of the Draft SEIS findings, discuss how to access the Draft SEIS and provide public comment, address questions from Commission members and share next steps.

### Timeline

On September 20, 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.

All comments received during this time will be compiled into a Final SEIS, along with responses to the comments. Based on public feedback and additional analysis, the IBR team in coordination with program partners will narrow down the design options into a single solution for moving forward into construction. The environmental review process will result in an Amended Record of Decision (ROD), which is currently anticipated to occur in 2025. The Amended ROD allows the IBR program to begin using funds for construction.

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## Action and Next Steps

No action is requested with this presentation. 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>.

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