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Active Transportation Community Working Group

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## Agenda

- Introductions/icebreaker, meeting agreements and goals, review Community Working Group framework and roles
- Corridor overview, implementing the AT framework, preliminary design options
- Interactive sessions in breakout rooms
- Report out from breakout rooms
- Review other ways to engage



## **Meeting Agreements**

- Put relationships first
- Keep focused on our common goal
- Notice power dynamics in the room
- Create a space for multiple truths & norms
- Be kind and brave
- Practice examining racially biased systems and processes
- Look for learning



## **Community Working Group Member Introductions**

- Name, affiliation
- Take 2-3 minutes to find something in your house that is meaningful to you that represents your relationship to active transportation and/or your experience with the interstate bridge.

- Show us your object and give a 1 minute description about what it is.

### Your IBR Team

- Group Facilitator
- IBR Technical Leads



## **Community Working Group Framework**

- Community Working Groups: Active Transportation, Downtown Vancouver, Hayden Island/Marine Drive, Multimodal Commuter
- Participants include at-large community members and organizational stakeholders that can provide insight on specific topics
- CAG members participate on Community Working Groups, providing a direct linkage to relay perspective and considerations in specific interest areas
- Each group will meet twice in 2021. Do not anticipate additional meetings but may reconvene on as-needed basis



## **Role of Community Working Groups**

Provide feedback on specific transportation issues for the program's consideration.

- Active Transportation: Provide feedback on the Interstate Bridge user experience from a walking, biking, rolling perspective, including as well as the experience on the bridge, access to and from the bridge, and quality connections to local walking and biking networks
- Your feedback informs program staff and will be shared as a community input to IBR decision makers.
- Recommendation and Decision-Making Framework: interstatebridge.org/advisory-groups



## Preliminary Design: Corridor Overview

Katie Mangle, IBR Technical Lead



## **Program Timeline**

### Now through end of 2021

- Preliminary design concepts
- Embed equity and climate considerations within the design concepts
- Finalize screening criteria
- Two-way dialogue with the community, sharing preliminary design concepts

### Early 2022

 Collaborate with partners and stakeholders to develop and reach consensus on the IBR multimodal design solution



## What We Heard

- In our last meeting, the top concerns you expressed regarding active transportation included:
  - The width of walking, rolling, and biking facilities on the bridge
  - Access and ramp grades (how steep it will be to get on and off the path)
  - Desire for direct, easy to navigate routes AND placemaking opportunities and areas for people to enjoy
  - Attention to path surface materials and other design features like railings



## **Design Options in Response to Changes**

- The design options pertain to the following program areas:
  - Bridge Crossing over the Columbia and Alignment
  - Downtown Vancouver
  - Vancouver Interchanges
  - Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchanges
  - Transit
- Bike and pedestrian improvements are integrated into design options for all the above areas



## All Options Include...

- ADA-compliant ramps and accessways
- Dedicated Shared Use Path on the bridges
- Separation of users moving at different speeds on Bridge
- Sidewalks on all new or reconstructed roads\*
  - Sidewalks on local streets will be compatible with City standards
- Bicycle facilities on new or reconstructed roads\*
  - Bikeways on local streets will be compatible with City standards for creating low stress facilities, including providing separation from vehicles



### All Options Include...

- Local street connections compatible with local agency plans
- Access to transit stations
- Accommodation of end of trip facilities at transit stations
- Re-construction of the 40 Mile Loop trail segment under I-5
- A local street connection between Vancouver Way and Expo Road in N Portland
- Sidewalk and bikeway on each side of Fourth Plain Blvd, Mill Plain Blvd, Evergreen Blvd, and other Vancouver I-5 overcrossings
- Wayfinding signage



## Issues/Elements/Qualities to Address for Each Option

- Shared use path user experience (comfort, safety, security)
- Local street connections, transitions, and ramp grades
- Connections to local/regional shared use paths
- Potential transit crossings and access to transit stations
- End-of-trip facilities at transit stations
- Landscaping and environmental enhancement
- Opportunities for resting, staying, gathering
- Wayfinding



## All Options Include...

#### New or Improved Active Transportation Connections







## Applying our Active Transportation Framework

Derek Abe, IBR Technical Lead



## **Active Transportation Framework**

Premise: Getting to and through the study area by walking, biking, and rolling should be intuitive, and not stressful. The facilities should be great and accessible to all.





## **Approach: Design**

People First

#### **Expected Pedestrian and Bicycle Flows**





## **Approach: Equity**

### **Considerations:**

- Improve access options for:
  - People without vehicle access
  - Non-motorized commuters
- Strive for universal accessibility
- Connecting communities



IBR study area (APE) with Equity Index Score and percentage of households without vehicle access



## Vancouver Neighborhoods





### **Downtown Vancouver**





North Portland Harbour Bridge Approx 0.2 mile crossing





Approx 0.5 mile crossing

Columbia River Bridge



25 seconds drive

10 minutes walk



## **Marine Drive and Hayden Island**







## Break

15 minutes





## **Preliminary Design Options**

Katie Magle, IBR Technical Lead Derek Abe, IBR Technical Lead



## **Design Options for Q1 2022 Decision**

- Location of Shared Use Path within the structure
- Downtown Vancouver bridge connection
  - Height and nature of the ramps
- Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchange types
  - Shared Use Path location
  - Access ramps length, location, legibility
  - Local street connections







- Variety of options that differ in constructability and bridge footprint
- All options provide dedicated transit guideway and wide multi-use path
- Future design work, informed by data, partners, and community engagement, will determine the bridge height and bridge type















### **Downtown Vancouver**

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- Options consider ways to connect downtown into a higher I-5 corridor, necessary for bridge replacement options
- All design options connect the transit and multi-use path to downtown Vancouver
- Additional analysis is needed to identify how to connect from downtown into the river crossing options





- Options that consider different ways to access Hayden Island by foot, bike, transit, and car
- All options include replacing the North Portland Harbor Bridge
- Future design work, informed by community engagement, will develop details for connecting multi-use paths, with the intention to connect to the 40-mile loop trail



#### **Option 1: Full interchange**





**Option 2: Partial Interchange** 





#### **Option 3: No Interchange**





## **Breakout Session Questions**

- Reflecting on the images we presented this evening,
  - What do you feel strongly about?
  - What inspires you about these proposed options?
  - Are there any concerns that you haven't heard addressed yet this evening?





# Participants are currently in a breakout session





## Breakout session report out





## Program timeline & next steps



## **Program Timeline**





## **Design Options Survey**

### November 10 – December 10

- Purpose: Gather community feedback on preferences and priorities associated with the user experience and/or attributes of design options (not a ranking between options).
- Translations available in eight languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Slavic (Russian and Ukrainian), Somali

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## **Online Open House**

### Live Now!

- Purpose: Provide overview of potential design options, timeline, and process for getting to an IBR Solution
- Translations available in eight languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Slavic (Russian and Ukrainian), Somali

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#### **Getting to the IBR Solution**

Developing a safe and equitable solution for future generations...

Your feedback matters! Combined with stakeholder, advisory groups and partner input, your suggestions will contribute to identifying a new multimodal bridge replacement solution that meets the transportation needs of the region – now and for future generations. Below, find out about where the program is in the planning process. Starting in November, you can share your feedback in an online survey. Your input will help guide the decisions to identify a bridge replacement solution that meets everyone's needs.



Receive a notification when the survey is live

Look for our online survey coming November

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Climate Framework	Environmental Compliance Environmental compliance is foundational to the	Identifying an IBR Solution + Next Steps



## Additional Engagement Opportunities

- Follow us on social media
- Sign-up for our newsletter, <u>interstatebridge.org/news</u>
- Email info@interstatebridge.org
- Today's meeting recording and materials: interstatebridge.org/community-working-groups
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