

LAUNCHING COMMUNITY WORKING GROUPS

PURPOSE

The role of Interstate Bridge Replacement program (IBR) Community Working Groups is to provide expertise, feedback, and recommendations on specific transportation issues for the program's consideration, over a defined time period. The first four Community Working Groups to be established include: **Active Transportation, Downtown Vancouver, Hayden Island/Marine Drive** and **Multimodal Commuter**. Others may be created in the future if additional needs are identified.

There is a near-term opportunity for Community Working Group input as the program works with stakeholders to identify the IBR solution. The Community Working Groups will initially launch in summer 2021 to receive a program orientation and then begin work considering design options relevant to their specific areas of focus and expertise. After initial launch of the Community Working Groups, and preliminary feedback on design considerations, participants can expect to be consulted again when the program is seeking input in fall 2021 and again in spring 2022 to review potential IBR solutions. After this initial work plan is completed by Community Working Groups, they may continue to meet periodically when certain program elements – specific to each working group's area of focus – require more detailed conversation and consideration. The Community Working Groups will likely be a resource for the program through the environmental process.

STRUCTURE

- Community Working Groups will range in size from 15 to 20 individuals and include a mix of both organization/stakeholder representatives and community members. It will be specified whether participants are acting as an individual representative or on behalf of an organization.
- Community Working Groups will make recommendations to IBR program staff.
- One or two CAG members will participate on each Community Working Group, providing a direct linkage to relay perspectives and considerations in specific interest areas.
- Each Community Working Group will have a facilitator, lead program technical staff, and program agency partner support staff.
- Virtual meetings will be recorded and available to view by the public. A written summary of each meeting will also be made available. Once health guidelines no longer necessitate virtual meetings, in-person meetings will be held in the Portland-Vancouver metro area.

PARTICIPATION

Individuals who previously expressed interest in joining a working group during the CAG application process may be invited to participate on one of the topic-specific Community Working Groups. Community Working Group participants must meet eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, a commitment to working collaboratively and constructively to advance the best bridge replacement solution for Interstate 5. If necessary, the program may conduct targeted stakeholder outreach to identify other individuals to ensure a robust representation of community perspectives, backgrounds, and lived experience.