

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) MEETING #25

Date and Time: Thursday, May 11th, 2023, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting and YouTube Livestream

Number of concurrent YouTube viewers: 37

### OUTCOMES

- CAG members gain a better understanding of the equity in Urban Design.
- CAG members received an update on community engagement activities and the Draft Community Engagement Plan for the remainder of 2023.
- CAG members receive an update on future meeting topics.

### WELCOME

- Johnell Bell, CAG Co-Facilitator, welcomed CAG members to the meeting and introduced Lynn Valenter, CAG Co-Chair and Ed Washington, CAG Co-Chair, and reminded members to center the space, welcomed members, and previewed the agenda. Members were then encouraged to introduce themselves and share their favorite animal.

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator, shared several updates on the program including:

- IBR Tolling Authorization (WA)
  - During this year’s session the program received tolling authorization from the legislature and the governor signed the bill.
  - There will be a pause on collecting tolls in Oregon per Governor Kotek’s direction. This does not impact IBR as the program did not expect to start collecting tolls until 2026.
- Federal Grant Update
  - During the middle of the year there will be several federal grants that the program will be applying for. The program is waiting for the release of the funding opportunity “MEGA” grant under the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (IIJA) to apply.
  - Later in the year we will be working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to enter their capital improvement grant process which will help us on the transit piece of this program. In addition, the Bridge Investment Program grant kicks off later this year.
- Section 106 Public Comment Period
  - Cultural Resources Open House and public comment is open until May 18, 2023. This information is on the IBR webpage.

- Presentations— We are still on the continuing mission to connect with the community to give status updates and answer any questions as we progress through the work. Below is a list of recent places where we presented:
  - Association of General Contractors—Oregon
  - Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Annual East European Youth Leadership Conference
  - Oregon Trucking Association
  - American Planning Association Conference
  - Oregon Environmental Council
- Q&A
  - *“Are there any updates on the coast guard and the permitting process?” (Question answered at 25:38)*

## URBAN DESIGN

Nolan Lienhart & Lilly Djanants, IBR Urban Design, presented on designing with equity.

- The IBR program adheres to an equity framework which details the definition of equity as process equity and the outcome equity. It attends to the objectives, the measures of success, and the action plan that is taken as integral to implementing the equity framework.

The presentation reviewed some of the systemic oppression and inequities of the past in our region including the Vanport floods, the internment of Japanese Americans at the Portland Assembly Center and the myriad offenses committed against Native American communities who have been on this land since time immemorial.

The CAG members participated in discussion facilitated by this presentation, including sharing of personal stories, sharing qualities and examples of places that feel safe to them and qualities that may have decreased their feelings of safety.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Salomé Chimuku and Jay Housgard, IBR Community Engagement Team, shared an update on the draft community engagement plan including:

- Community Briefings to CBO’s and to neighborhoods are ongoing and are done upon request.
- Mini-Grant Partnerships with CBOs
  - Affinity Listening Sessions will be directly towards specifically communities, so folk can feel safe expressing their needs and feedback.
- IBR Staff Office Hours will provide future opportunities for members of the public to speak with program staff, learn about the program ns or provide comments. These will be offered in person and virtually.

- Upcoming events/meeting/briefing:
  - Equity Roundtable will be on Intersection of Multimodal Transportation and Equity June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm.
- Community Events:
  - Vancouver: Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG) Resource Fair — June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vancouver Pride — July 8<sup>th</sup>, and Vancouver Farmer’s Market at Esther Short Park — October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Portland: Juneteenth — June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Parkways – June 25<sup>th</sup>, Kenton Farmer’s Market – August.
  - Neighborhood Forums — June 6<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

## NEXT PROGRAM MEETINGS:

- Equity Advisory Group – May 15, 2023
- Executive Steering Group – May 25, 2023
- Community Advisory Group – June 8, 2023
- Equity Advisory Group – June 19, 2023

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ATTENDEES

### CAG Members

Attendees	Organization
Ed Washington	CAG Co-Chair
Irina Phillips	At-large community member
Lynn Valenter	CAG Co-Chair
Sam Kim	At-large community member
Brooke Pillsbury	Clark College
Darcy Hoffman	Workforce SW WA

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Julie Doumbia	At-large community member
Tom Hickey	Human Services Council
Jana Jarvis	At-large community member
Martha Wiley	At-large community member
Sherri Call	Executive Vice President – Washington Trucking Association
Gerina Hatch	At-large community member
Mikaela Williams	At-large community member
Dena Horton	Governmental Relations Manager – Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

### Facilitators and Presenters

Attendees	Organization
Frank Green	IBR Program Administrator
Jay Housgard	IBR Community Engagement Team
Lisa Keohokalole Schauer	IBR CAG Co-Facilitator
Johnell Bell	IBR CAG Co-Facilitator
Salomé Chimuku	IBR Community Engagement Team
Nolan Lienhart	IBR Urban Design
Lilly Djanians	IBR Urban Design

### Additional Participants

64 members of the public, partner agency staff, and the IBR team viewed the meeting via the Zoom webinar and the YouTube livestream during the meeting.

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## MEETING RECORDING AND MATERIALS

### Meeting Recording

A recording of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkYLz-bLjJQ>

### Meeting Materials

The meeting materials are available here: <https://www.interstatebridge.org/get-involved-folder/calendar/cag-may-11-2023-meeting/>