



Equity Advisory Group

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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
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Today's agenda

- ▶ Icebreaker
- ▶ Program Administrator Update
- ▶ Health Analysis Presentation and Discussion
- ▶ Performance Measure Discussion
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Close Out

Icebreaker

- ▶ Name + pronouns
- ▶ Affiliation
- ▶ Which piece of advice radically altered your life?



Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Recent Activities

► Tours

- Bridge tour with IBR advisory group members
- Walking tour with Oregon Walks, The Street Trust and Cycle Vancouver
- Walking tour with the Association of WA Cities

► Recent presentations

- Hough Neighborhood Association

► Summer tabling

- Saturday in the Park (Vancouver Pride)
- Mississippi Street Fair
- Picante

► Industry outreach

- Association of Women & Minority Businesses





Health Analysis

Chris Regan, IBR Environmental Manager

Washington State Department of Health:

Alyssa Shaw, MSW, Environmental Health Assessment Team Lead

Anna Caudill, MPH, Environmental Health Evaluations Specialist

Jessica Marcinkevage, PhD, MSPH, Built Environment Section Manager,

Considering Potential Health Impacts

- ▶ **The program is committed to analyzing impacts to human health as a result of the IBR program.**
 - As a program, we seek first to avoid harm to the environment and human health and avoid disproportionate impacts to equity priority communities living adjacent to the program corridor.
- ▶ **The program is considering community health through several areas including:**
 - Safety considerations in design and usability
 - Climate
 - Workforce planning
- ▶ **In the Draft SEIS, we are evaluating impacts of air quality pollutants, GHG emissions, noise and vibration impacts on the community.**
 - Other health-related topics under analysis include exposure to contaminated materials/sites, safety considerations for the transportation facilities/operations including highway, transit, active, navigation and air travel, etc.

Health Analysis and the Draft SEIS

- ▶ Jurisdictional partners and community groups expressed interest in a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for the IBR program to better understand potential health impacts on local communities.
- ▶ In late 2023, the Washington Department of Health agreed to lead a third-party Health Analysis of the Modified LPA in cooperation with the Oregon Health Authority, Clark County and Multnomah County.
- ▶ The final Health Analysis will be submitted as a public comment when the Draft SEIS is published later this year.

OUR TEAM

Collaboration between state-level and county-level public health

About 10 individuals dedicating time

We are working on engagement with tribal partners



HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

They look at a proposed project or issue in a comprehensive manner.

They provide health and equity information to decision makers to inform a health-focused decision making process.

They are evidence based.

1	Screening	Identifying if an HIA would be useful for a proposed plan, project, or policy decision
2	Scoping	Planning the HIA (resources, timeline, etc.) and identifying what health risks and benefits to consider
3	Assessment	Identifying baseline conditions, potential health risks and benefits of the decision, and affected populations
4	Recommendations	Suggesting practical actions to promote positive health effects and minimizing negative health effects
5	Reporting	Presenting results and recommendations to decision makers, affected communities, and other stakeholders
6	Monitoring and Evaluation	Determining the HIA's impact on the decision and health status

HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

For the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program, we are conducting a modified “health analysis” keeping to the structure of health impact assessments (HIA).

A full HIA would take 2 years to complete.

We will be submitting our report as a **public comment** to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

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TOPIC AREAS

- Air quality
- Transportation and active transportation
- Climate and heat Noise
- Social determinants of health
- Water quality

Each section assesses equity and environmental justice related to the topic area.

We are considering health impacts during design, construction, and project lifetime.

QUESTIONS FOR ADVISORY GROUP

What health concerns have you heard from the community in regard to this project?

Based on your experience and lived experience, what health concerns do you have related to this project?

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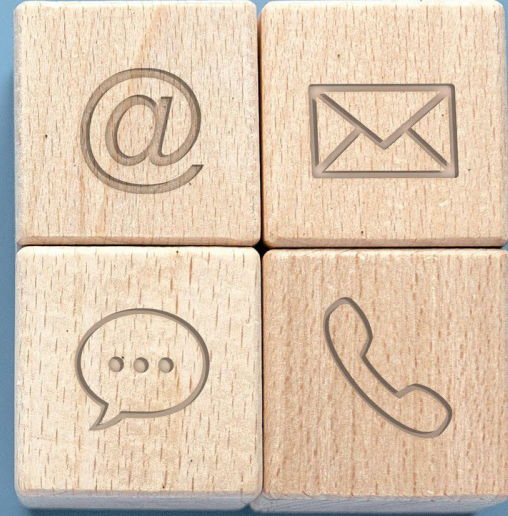
Are there any recommendations for the IBR program you would like to see based on community health concerns?

Is there anything missing from our list of topic areas that you would expect to be covered in a health analysis?

QUESTIONS?

Contact us

EHAassessment@doh.wa.gov



Please don't hesitate to follow up with additional thoughts.

Public Comment

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- ▶ All written comments must be received prior to 48 hours in advance of each upcoming meeting in order to be distributed to advisory group members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting.

Wrap up

- Meeting evaluation
- Next meeting: August 19, 5:30 – 7:30pm