



# Equity Advisory Group

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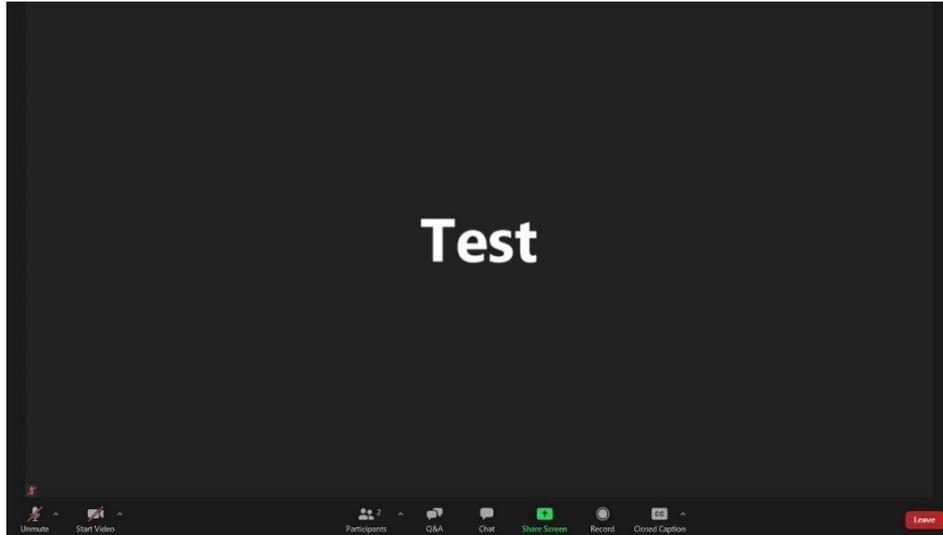
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# Today's agenda

- ▶ Program Administrator Update
- ▶ Equity Framework Accountability
- ▶ Performance Measures
- ▶ Charting our course on Design Options
- ▶ Public comment
- ▶ Close out

# Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator



# Community Advisory Group Update

Johnell Bell, Principal Equity Officer

# Community Advisory Group January 6th

- ▶ CAG members were introduced to the major components of the modified LPA and discussed the program strategy to achieve an approved modified LPA by June of 2022
- ▶ CAG members reviewed their role in the approval process of the LPA and reviewed their approved values and priorities.
- ▶ CAG members voted on their top values to use as evaluation criteria in considering bridge design options
- ▶ CAG members ranked which design options they would like to spend the most time considering and assessing against their approved values.



# Equity Framework Accountability

Emilee Thomas Peralta, Equity Analyst

# Accountability Reporting Tool

## ▶ Purpose:

- Demonstrate that decision-making processes are incorporating the principles and objectives established in the Equity Framework

## ▶ Overview of the tool:

- Program teams will conduct quarterly reviews
- Progress reports will be included in the Accountability Dashboard
- Will evaluate:
  - *How and at what points equity was considered and prioritized*
  - *Any equity issues/concerns for which there is difficulty finding a solution for, or ways to address them*
  - *Any points where plans/decisions were changed based on equity concerns or considerations*

# Accountability Reporting Tool

(Screenshare)



# Performance Measures 101

Jake Warr, Equity Lead

# What are performance measures?

- ▶ **General definition**: a regular measurement of outcomes and results, which generates reliable data on the effectiveness and efficiency of programs
- ▶ An outcome is *not* what the program actually produced itself, but the *consequences* of those outputs
- ▶ Answer the basic questions: How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off?

# How will performance measures be used in IBR?

- ▶ Help guide Community Benefits Agreements
- ▶ Understand long term success in working towards equitable outcomes using equitable processes
- ▶ Key component of program accountability

# Conceptual Examples

## From I-5 Rose Quarter (draft PMs)

- ▶ Project creates accelerated and enduring economic opportunities for the historic Albina community and communities of color with the potential for wealth creation
- ▶ Increase in access to the Rose Quarter Transit Station for people walking and using mobility devices
- ▶ A street environment that is welcoming to the historic Albina community
- ▶ Project demonstrates a commitment to meaningful engagement of the historic Albina community

# Our process

- ▶ Step 1 - Identify desired **Outcomes**: What are the results we want to see in the program area and the region with respect to equity?
- ▶ Step 2 - Establish clear **Performance Measures**: How we will know if we've achieved equitable outcomes?
- ▶ Step 3 - Lay out a set of **Strategies**: How do we plan on working towards equitable outcomes?
- ▶ Step 4 - Plan specific **Actions**: What do we need to do to implement our strategies, who is responsible, and when will the various activities occur?

# What we've heard from you so far

- ▶ Measuring improvements in **how many people are able to get between Portland and Vancouver for work**, with a focus on equity priority communities
- ▶ Measuring **ridership levels** and average **travel times** for public transit, to understand improvements in access
- ▶ Assessing improvements in **accessibility & mobility** for individuals with disabilities
- ▶ Assess **workforce equity** (e.g. percentage of jobs for equity priority communities) and the number of **contracts** for DBEs and other businesses owned by equity priority communities

# Starting Point: Equity Objectives

- 1. Mobility and accessibility:** Improve mobility, accessibility, and connectivity, especially for lower income travelers, people with disabilities, and historically underserved communities who experience transportation barriers.
- 2. Physical design:** Integrate equity, area history, and culture into the physical design elements of the program, including bridge aesthetics, artwork, amenities, and impacts on adjacent land uses.
- 3. Community benefits:** Find opportunities for and implement local community improvements in addition to required mitigations.

# Starting Point: Equity Objectives

- 4. Workforce Equity and Economic opportunity:** Ensure that economic opportunities generated by the program benefit minority and women owned firms, BIPOC workers, workers with disabilities, and young people.
- 5. Decision-making processes:** Prioritize access, influence, and decision-making power for Equity Priority Communities throughout the program in establishing objectives, design, implementation, and evaluation of success.
- 6. Avoid further harm:** Actively seek out options with a harm-reduction priority, rather than simply mitigate disproportionate impacts on historically impacted and underserved communities and populations.



# Charting our course towards a modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

Jake Warr, Equity Lead

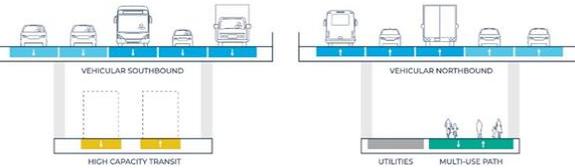
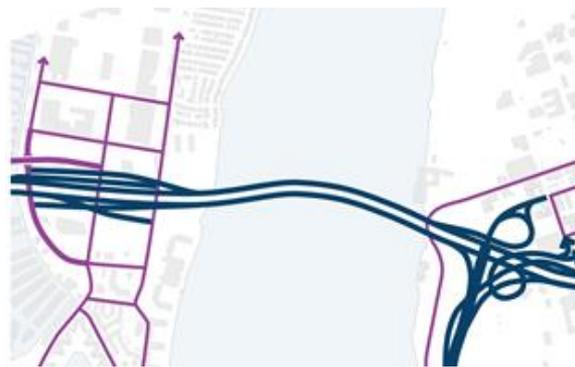
# Refresher

- ▶ The LPA components include:
  - ▶ Bridge Crossing over the Columbia and Alignment
  - ▶ Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchanges
  - ▶ Downtown Vancouver
  - ▶ Vancouver Interchanges
  - ▶ Transit

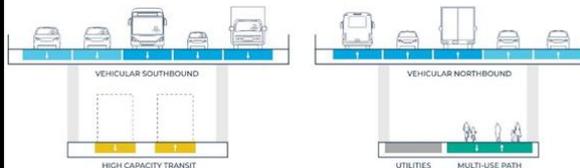
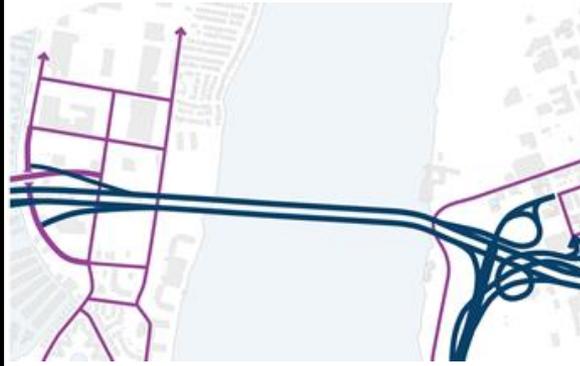
**Note:** *Active transportation improvements are integrated into design options for all the above areas*

# Bridge Crossing over the Columbia and Alignment

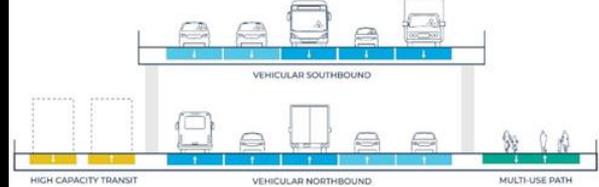
## 2013 Locally Preferred Alternative Option



## Straight Alignment Option



## Stacked Alignment Option



# Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchanges

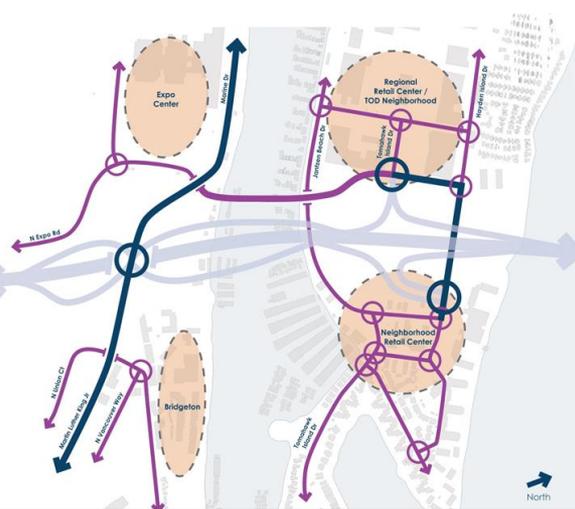
## Options at a high level:

- 1. Full interchange: on- and off- ramps in both directions**
- 2. Partial interchange: on-ramp to the north & off-ramp from the north only**
  - Access to Hayden Island to/from the south requires using a new non-freeway bridge
- 3. No interchange**
  - All access to Hayden Island requires using new non-freeway bridges

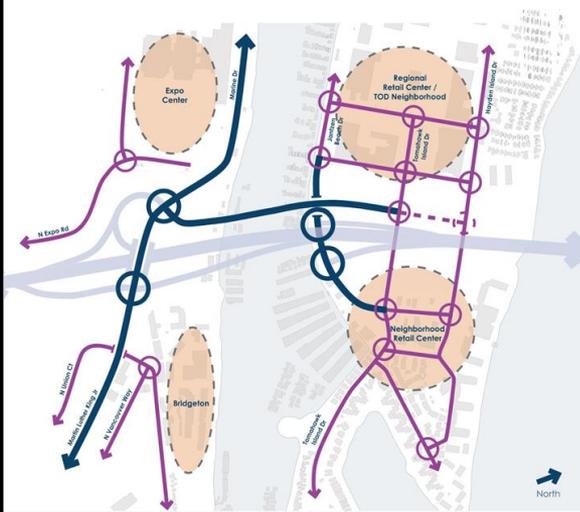
# Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchanges

- Options that consider different ways to access Hayden Island by foot, bike, transit, and car

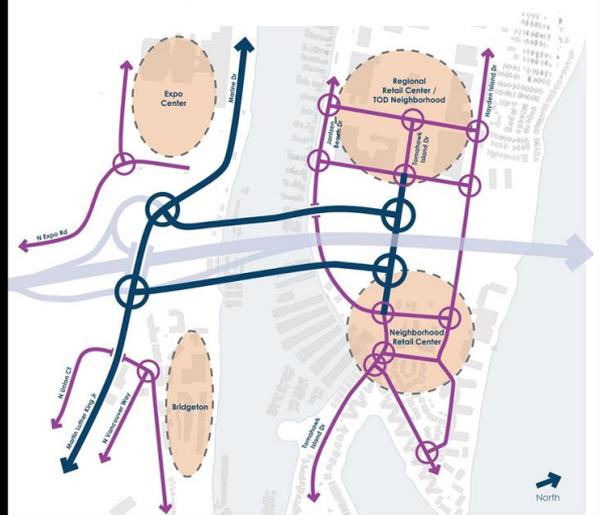
Full interchange



Partial Interchange

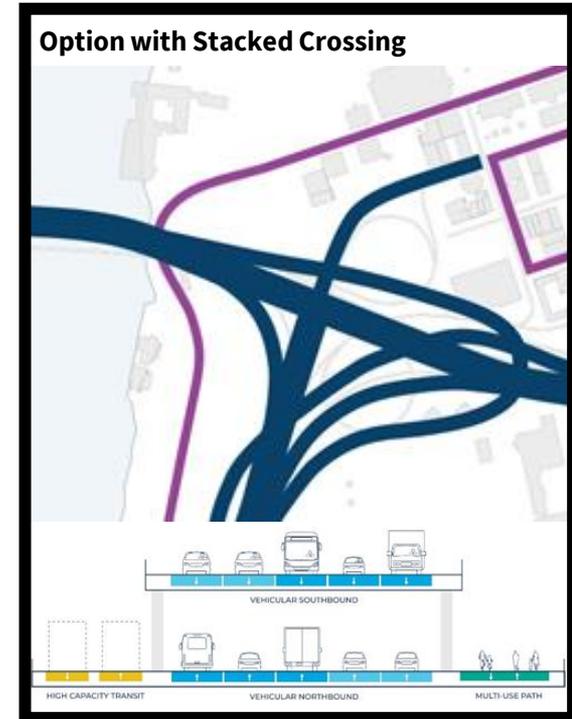
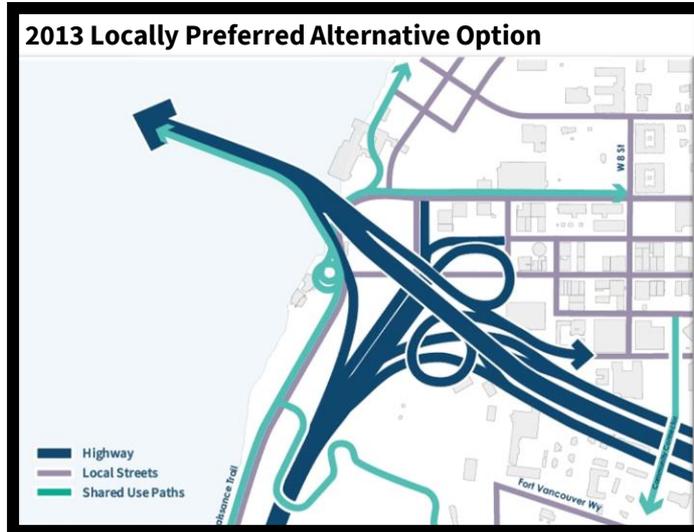


No Interchange



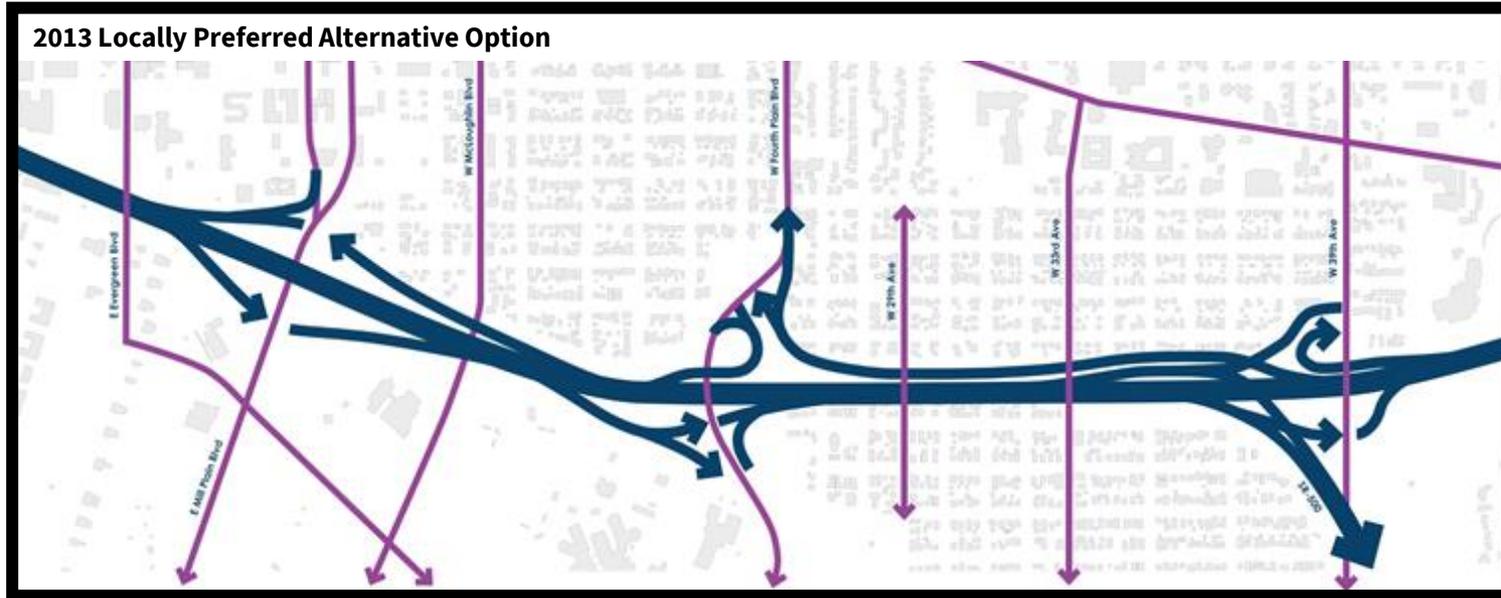
# Downtown Vancouver

- ▶ 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



# Vancouver Interchanges

- ▶ Reconstructs the interchanges with braided ramps and auxiliary lanes at Mill Plain and Fourth Plain and replaces overpasses at other locations along I-5 leading up to the river



# Transit Options - Overview

- ▶ The IBR program is analyzing 12 transit options:

- (1) No-Build Option:

- Assumes no transit improvements from the IBR program but does include other planned transit improvements in the next 25 years. This option is used as a tool for measuring the effects of other options.

- (1) Bus on Shoulder option

- (3) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) options

- (6) Light Rail Transit (LRT) options

- (1) BRT/LRT hybrid option

- ▶ High-Capacity Transit (HCT) options include:

- Dedicated space for HCT between the Expo Center and Hayden Island

- Dedicated space for HCT on the replacement bridge

- Express buses operating on the shoulder of the freeway, where possible in the program area

# Small group discussion

## 1. How do we want to focus our time over the next several months?:

a) Provide input on all design components of the LPA

b) Prioritize a subset of design options

➤ Which 2-3 are most crucial to meeting our equity objectives?:

- ▶ Bridge Crossing over the Columbia
- ▶ Hayden Island and Marine Drive Interchanges
- ▶ Downtown Vancouver
- ▶ Vancouver Interchanges
- ▶ Transit

## 2. What data or information do you need to inform your thinking?

# Public comment

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# Wrap up

- Takeaways
- Meeting evaluation
- Next meeting: Monday February 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Thank you!