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# Equity Advisory Group

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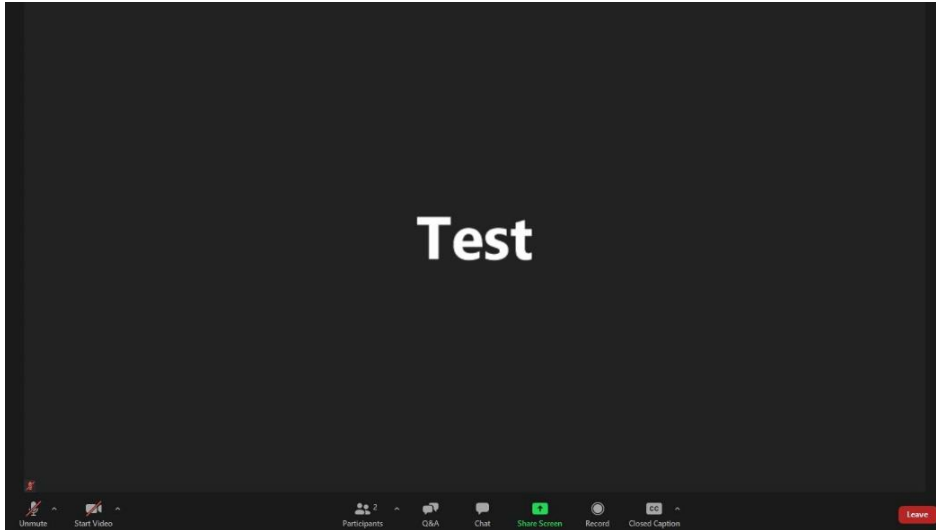
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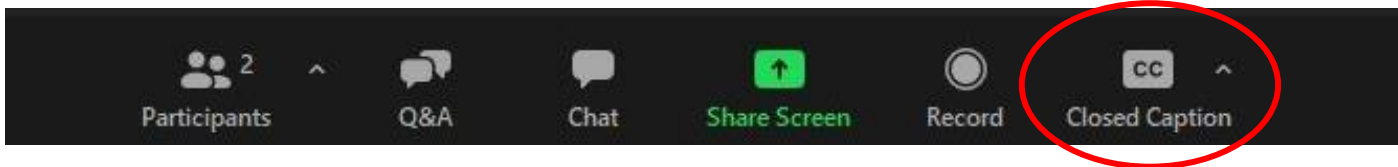
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# Today's agenda

- ▶ Bridge Stories video
- ▶ Program Administrator Update
- ▶ Equity-focused Screening Criteria for Design Options
- ▶ Equity Framework: Building out components of Process & Outcome Equity
- ▶ Public comment
- ▶ Close out

# IBR Bridge Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRLLBvVV17k&list=PLlzHp4MXqDjbBOU-dHSJFArPWEEqf6HEN>

# Program Update

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator



# Executive Steering Group

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 15, from 11am – 1pm  
*(Rescheduled to accommodate the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur)*

Potential agenda topics (still TBD):

- ▶ Progress and feedback on technical work
- ▶ Updates on recent CAG and EAG work
- ▶ Upcoming engagement and Community Working Groups

# Community Advisory Group August 5<sup>th</sup>

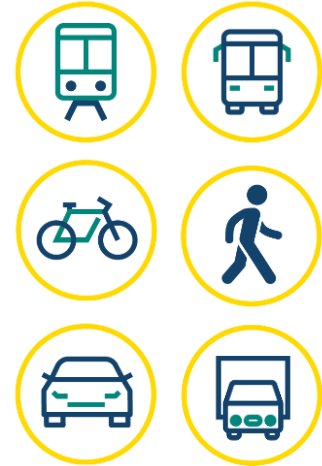
- ▶ IBR program timeline was introduced (same presentation EAG heard on 7.19.21)
- ▶ IBR Climate Framework was introduced with Q&A and discussion with CAG members.
- ▶ Next meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.: will have Equity Framework introduced.

# Equity-focused Screening Criteria

Jake Warr, Equity Lead

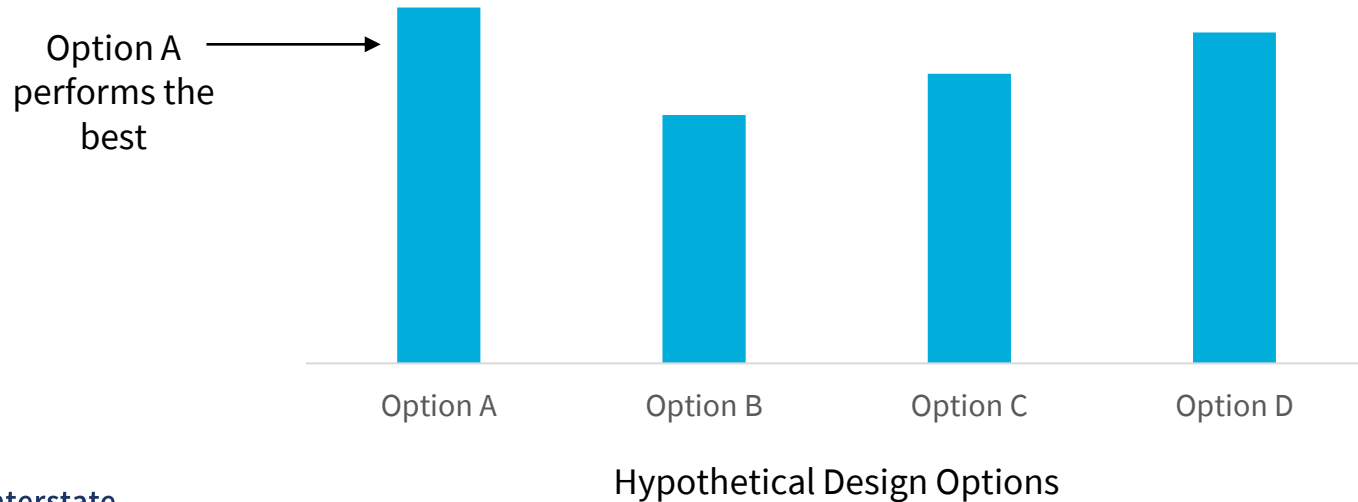
# Screening Criteria & Design Options Refresher

- ▶ What are “design options”?
  - Core elements of the physical build out of the IBR solution
    - **High Capacity Transit** option, including mode, alignment, and station locations
    - Through-**lanes** and auxiliary lanes
    - Highway **interchange** improvements
    - **Active transportation** (bicycle and pedestrian) improvements
- ▶ The purpose of Screening Criteria is to assess trade-offs or potential impacts among the different physical design options

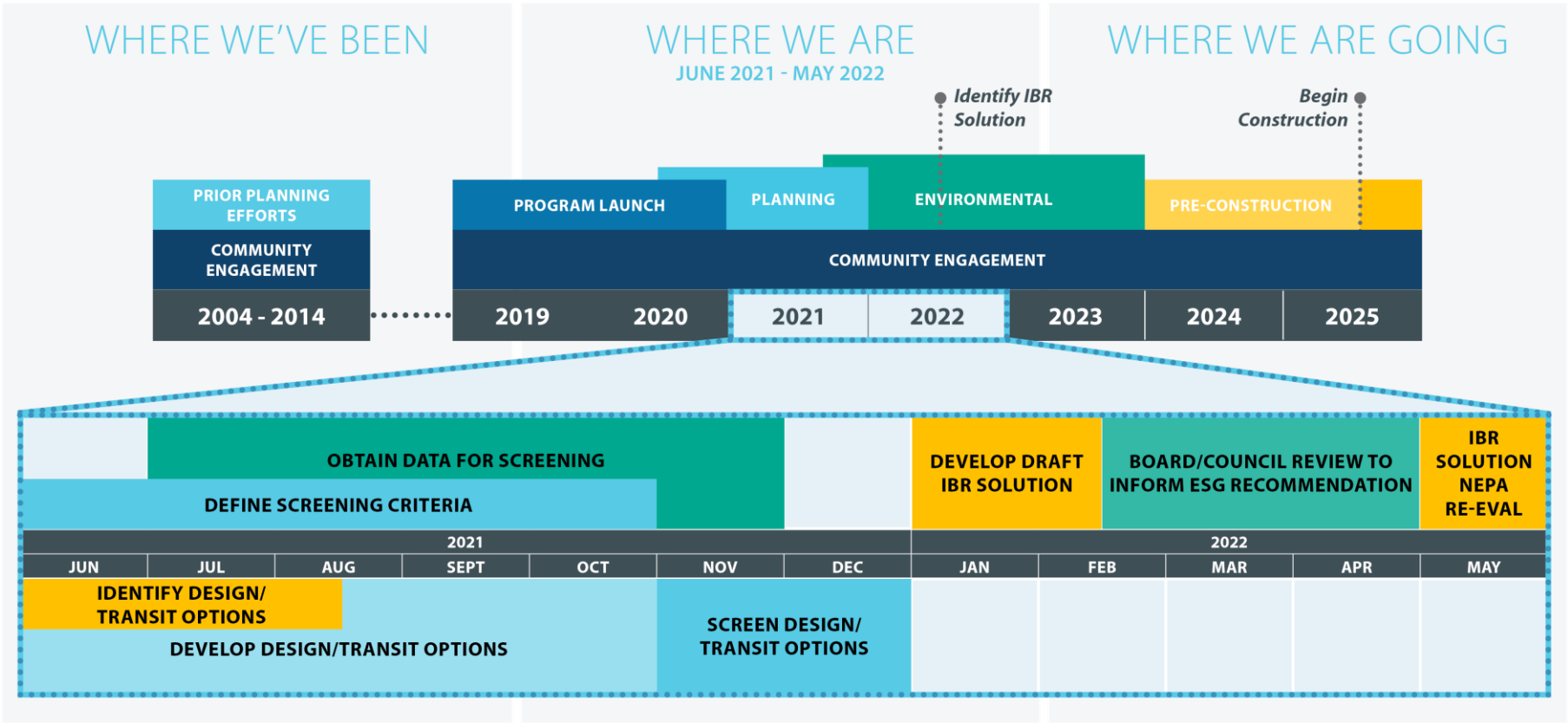


# Screening Criteria & Design Options Refresher

*Example: Number of zero vehicle households within ½ mile of a transit station*



# IBR Program Timeline



# Subgroup Report Out

- ▶ Began walking through & refining menu of equity-focused screening criteria
- ▶ Need to define “Equity Priority Areas”
  - Used for multiple screening criteria to home in on potential impacts and improvements for communities of concern
  - Considerations: demographics, key destinations, others?
- ▶ Measure connectivity (including east-west mobility) and impacts (i.e. air quality) to “equity priority areas” outside of the immediate program area

# Group Discussion

- ▶ What types of analysis would help you compare how different design options can advance equity? Consider these categories:



- ▶ Environment & Community Health



- ▶ Efficient Movement of People & Goods



# Group Discussion

- ▶ Besides demographic data, how should we define “Equity Priority Areas”?
  - What places frequented by communities of concern are you aware of in the program area?
  - Other considerations?



# Equity Framework

## Components of Process & Outcome Equity

Chris Lepe, IBR Equity Panel

# Building upon our Equity Definition

**Process Equity** means that the program prioritizes access, influence, and decision-making power for marginalized and underserved communities throughout the program in establishing objectives, design, implementation, and evaluation of success.

**Outcome Equity** is the result of successful Process Equity and is demonstrated by tangible transportation and economic benefits for marginalized and underserved communities.

Our task: further outline the program commitments needed to ensure we achieve these

# Draft Commitments (“headline” text)

## Process Equity

- ▶ Acknowledge historic context
- ▶ Center the voices of communities of concern
- ▶ Seek feedback from a diverse range of stakeholders to meaningfully shape program work
- ▶ Be explicit about race and systemic racism
- ▶ Identify disparities
- ▶ Attend to power dynamics among stakeholders
- ▶ Maintain a learning orientation

# Draft Commitments (“headline” text)

## Outcome Equity

- ▶ Focus benefits disproportionately on communities of concern
  - Mobility and accessibility
  - Economic opportunity
  - Community benefits
- ▶ Avoid harm
- ▶ Use existing laws and regulations as the floor rather than the ceiling
- ▶ Establish clear actions and accountability

# Breakout Groups

Questions:

1. How can these commitments be improved?
2. Are there other high-level commitments the IBR program should make to honor our definitions of Process and Outcome Equity?



# Small Group Discussion

The EAG members are in breakout rooms. They will return to this webinar momentarily.

# Public comment



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# Wrap up

- Takeaways
- Meeting evaluation
- Next meeting: Monday September 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Thank you!