



# Community Advisory Group Meeting



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### CAG member commitments & operating norms

- Put Relationships First
- Keep Focused on Our Common Goal
- Notice Power Dynamics in the Room
- Create a Space for Multiple Truths & Norms
- Be Kind and Brave
- Practice Examining Racially Biased Systems and Processes
- Look for Learning



## **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Program updates
- **3.** IBR Solution / Modified LPA
- 4. Equity & climate in screening
- 5. What's next, public comment, and wrap up





# Video: A bridge story





# Program Update

### Ray Mabey, IBR Assistant Program Administrator





# **IBR Solution / Modified LPA**

John Willis, IBR Deputy Program Manager



# **Moving towards a Draft Modified LPA**





## **IBR Design Options**

### Transit Mode

- Reviewing 4 LRT, 3 BRT, 1 BRT to LRT, and Bus on Shoulder options

### Hayden Island / Marine Drive Interchange

- Full, partial and none
- Vancouver Interchanges
  - Downtown Vancouver connections

### Bridge Crossing and Alignment

- Curved alignment (2013 LPA), Straight alignment, Stacked alignment
- Downtown Vancouver connections

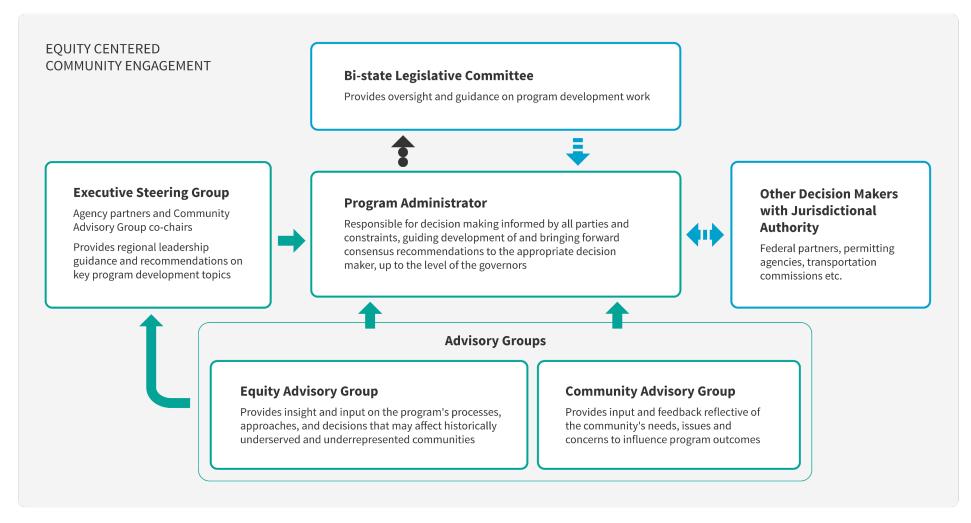
### Number of Auxiliary Lanes

All options assume replacement of North Portland Harbor Bridge. More work will be done to identify benefits and impacts of replacement.

Active transportation improvements are integrated into design options for all areas, with additional detail to be added as they are further developed



### **Recommendation and Decision-Making Framework**





•••• Regular briefings on program work and advisory group recommendations

**NOTE:** Location on graphic does not indicate hierarchy. This diagram is intended as a high-level overview and does not show all engagement points.



# **CAG open Discussion**

### Lisa Schauer & Johnell Bell, CAG Facilitators





# **Community Values & Priorities**

Integrating values into the modified LPA



## **Community Values & Priorities**

### CAG sub-committee work & process:

- 4-person committee, 2 from Washington and 2 from Oregon
  - Ryan Webb, Dena Horton, Sam Kim, Robert Camarillo
- Revised original document using Jamboard notes
- Reviewed 4.28.21 CAG meeting Jamboard notes
- Committee reviewed redline changes to document, providing guidance, feedback and editing.
- Committee provided suggestions on additions
- Committee agreed on final version
- Committee recommends CAG adopt document by consensus
- CAG adopted by consensus on 6.3.21



## **Community Values & Priorities Poll**

- CAG members pick your top six values (3 in each question):
  - Question #1:
  - All modes of transportation to increase capacity of river crossing
  - Centering equity
  - Climate Change
  - Informed, data-driven decision-making
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Transportation facilities reflect the needs of all ages and abilities
  - Question #2:
  - Congestion
  - Natural resources
  - Cultural & historical heritage & resources protected & honored
  - Economic Empowerment
  - Bi-state cooperation
  - Community Engagement



## **Design Options poll**

### CAG members rank these 5 design options

- Transit mode
- Interchanges Hayden Island/Marine Drive
- Interchanges Vancouver
- Bridge crossing and alignment
- Number of auxiliary lanes



### **Consensus Model**

- Participants develop and decide on proposals with the aim of acceptance by all.
- Including the input of all committee members results in better proposals that helps to address all potential concerns.
- Fosters a collegial group resulting in cohesion and interpersonal connection.
- Requires active participation and working through differences
  - From Latin, "agreement accord".



## **Seeking Consensus**

I agree and support the recommendation

I have a question that must be answered before I decide, but can live with the recommendation

I oppose the recommendation, but I commit to work with the group to find a solution that works for all











# Equity & Climate in Design Option Screening

Angela Findley, IBR Environmental Team



## **Moving towards an IBR Solution**

Desired

outcomes

screening

measures

identify

### **Program-Level Desired Outcomes**

#### **PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

- Purpose and Need
- Climate
- Equity
- Cost/Financing

#### DESIRED OUTCOMES AND MEASURES

- What the program is seeking to achieve and how to measure success
- Vision and Values
- Community Values and Priorities, informed by community engagement and CAG
- ► Equity and Climate Frameworks

#### Screening

#### IDENTIFY SCREENING CRITERIA

- Identify specific screening criteria and metrics informed by CAG, Equity Framework, Climate Framework, Technical experts, partner agencies, community engagement
- Criteria and metrics will identify tradeoffs/differences between design options

#### EVALUATE

- ▶ Evaluate design options based on screening criteria
- Delineate the differences across design options

#### RECOMMEND

 Identify technical recommendation to inform consideration by advisory and steering group recommendations

#### **Design Options**

#### PRIOR PLANNING EFFORTS

▶ Major program components from 2013

#### **CHANGES SINCE 2013**

▶ Physical, regulatory, and community priority changes

#### **DESIGN OPTIONS**

Design

options

during

are filtered

screening

 Identify design options in response to the changes and in consideration of climate and equity

#### **Consideration and Recommendation**

- ▶ Advisory and steering groups consider the technical recommendation in aligning around the IBR solution
- ▶ Recommended IBR solution moves forward to Bi-State Legislative Committee



#### **Draft IBR Solution**

CONDUCT DETAILED EVALUATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Screening Criteria Process: Example Matrix

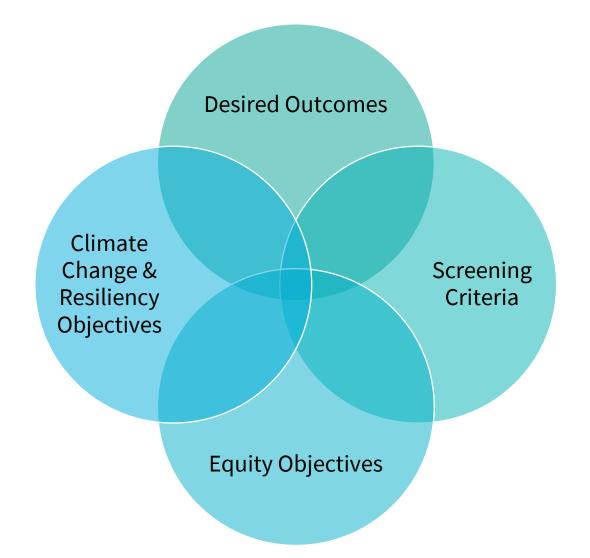
Screening Criteria	Design Option 1	Design Option 2	Design Option 3			
Environment and Community Health						
Environmental impacts 💓 送						
Efficient Movement of People and Goods						
Diversion						
Mobility						
Modal Choice 💓 送						
Safety						
Cost/Financing						
Construction cost						
Recommendation						







### **Design Option Screening: Infusing Equity and Climate**





PURPOSE AND NEED	DESIRED OUTCOMES
1. Travel demand and congestion	1.1 More people can move through the program area.
	1.2 People of all ages, abilities, and incomes have access to move through the program area, regardless of mode.
	1.3 Regional trips stay on I-5.
	1.4 Travel times through the program area are faster and more predictable.
2. Freight movement	2.1 Freight travel through the program area is more reliable.
	2.2 Freight travel times through the program area are faster.
	2.3 Accommodates high, wide, and heavy cargo in existing and future routes.
3. Public transportation	3.1 More people have access to high-quality, affordable, and reliable transit.
	3.2 Transit connects people to their origins and destinations.
	3.3 Travel by transit is competitive with other modes.
	3.4 More people use transit.
	3.5 Travel by transit is predictable, reliable, and consistent.



PURPOSE AND NEED	DESIRED OUTCOMES
4. Safety	4.1 Reduce overall crashes on I-5, including severe injury and fatal crashes.
	4.2 Reduce overall crashes, including severe injury and fatal crashes, on I-5 ramps, local streets, and active transportation networks in the program area.
	4.3 Safety is reflected in designs for all modes.
	4.4 Fewer diverted trips from I-5 to local streets.
	5.1 Active transportation is an attractive mode, and more people walk and cycle, both to access transit and instead of travelling by autos.
	5.2 More people have access to high-quality active transportation facilities.
5. Bicycle and Pedestrian	5.3 Traveling by walking, biking, and rolling feels safe because facilities are separated from moving vehicles and the shared use path environment is visible and connected.
	5.4 The high-quality networks for walking/biking/rolling are convenient and connect destinations that are important for most trips.
6. Seismic	6.1 Bridges will be designed and constructed so that they will not collapse and will remain operable in a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE & RESILIENCY**

CL.1 Reduce GHG emissions in support of state climate goals.

CL.2 Minimize operational and embodied carbon during construction.

CL.3 All structures are resilient to and operable following anticipated climate disruptions (e.g., heat events, flooding, sea level rise).

CL.4 Program limits other environmental impacts that exacerbate effects of climate change (e.g., heat island, runoff).

#### **EQUITY** (as excerpted from the Equity Framework and to be refined by EAG)

EQ.1 Improved mobility, accessibility, and connectivity especially for lower income travelers, people with disabilities, and communities who experience transportation barriers.

EQ.2 Fewer identity-based disparities in travel time, access, transportation costs, and exposure to air pollution, road noise, and traffic crashes.

EQ.3 Local community improvements are implemented in addition to required mitigations.

EQ.4 Economic opportunities generated by the program benefit minority and women owned firms, BIPOC workers, workers with disabilities, and young people.

EQ.5 Equity priority communities have access, influence, and decision-making power throughout the program in establishing objectives, design, implementation, and evaluation of success.



EQ.6 Disproportionate impacts on equity priority communities are avoided rather than simply mitigated.

#### COST EFFECTIVENESS AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

CO.1 Pursue and leverage any and all federal, state, and other funding sources that support all modes and address long-term needs.

CO.2 Identify equitable tolling and pricing strategies supporting multimodal construction costs and improved operations and access, in coordination with statewide tolling programs and in support of each state's climate goals.

CO.3 Ensure fiscal responsibility across the program and into the future, including new technology to solve future problems.



# **Equity Objectives**

- AH = Avoid further harm: Avoid rather than simply mitigate disproportionate impacts on equity priority groups.
- CB = Community benefits: Find opportunities for and implement local community improvements in addition to required mitigations
- EO = Economic opportunity: Ensure that economic opportunities generated by the program benefit minority and women owned firms, BIPOC workers, workers with disabilities, and young people.
- MA = Mobility and accessibility: Improve mobility, accessibility, and connectivity, especially for lower income travelers, people with disabilities, and communities who experience transportation barriers.

### Climate Change and Resiliency Objectives

- ACT = Supports mode shift to low or no emission travel (i.e., active transportation: walking, rolling, biking)
- **CC** = Supports complete communities
- **CONST** = compatible with low carbon construction
- ITS = Supports intelligent transportation systems
- O&M = Supports low emission operations and maintenance
- RES = Improves resilience to uncertain climatic conditions
- RID = Reduces idling of vehicles (freight, singleoccupancy vehicles, transit)
- TRA = Supports mode shift to transit (i.e., improves access, travel time, reliability, etc.)



### **Screening Metrics**

Metric	Desired Outcomes Supported	Equity Objectives Supported	Climate Objectives Supported
Environment and Community Health			
Aesthetics. User experience surrounding the structure.	EQ.3, EQ.6	CB, AH	
<b>Neighborhoods and population.</b> Number of east-west local streets on Hayden Island	CL.1, EQ.1, EQ.2	MA	CC, ACT
<b>Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.</b> Area of acquired or converted PROS in equity priority areas or identified through community engagement	CL.3, CL.4, EQ.3	СВ	RES
Wildlife and habitat. Total acreage of potential shaded aquatic habitat	CL.3, CL.4		RES

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## **Screening Matrix**

Metric	Desired Outcomes Supported	Equity Objectives Supported	Climate Objectives Supported	2013 Design (RD00)	Design Option 1: Full Interchange (RD03)	Design Option 2: Partial Interchange 1 (RD04)	Design Option 3: Partial Interchange 2 (RD16)
<b>Environment and Commur</b>	<b>Environment and Community Health</b> • = least impact, high scoring; • = few impacts, middle scoring; • = more/most impact, low scoring					v scoring	
<b>Community resources.</b> Number of known community or cultural resources within the design option footprint and in equity priority areas or identified through community engagement (Hayden Island Community Church)	EQ.6	AH		0	0	0	0
<b>Noise.</b> Number of high sensitivity and residential receptors within 500 feet of highway	EQ.2, EQ.6	AH		Category 1: 0 Category 2: 42 (floating homes)	Category 1: 0 Category 2: 52 (+24%) (floating homes)	Category 1: 0 Category 2: 53 (+26%) (floating homes)	Category 1: 0 Category 2: 54 (+21%) (floating homes)
<b>Wildlife and habitat.</b> Total acreage of potential shaded aquatic habitat	CL.3, CL.4		RES	12.4 acres	12.5 acres (+ 0.1 acres, + 0.8%)	8.5 acres (- 4 acres, - 31%)	12.7 acres (+ 0.3 acres, + 2%)
<b>Wildlife and habitat.</b> Total acreage of habitat areas (upland and riparian) crossed by design option	CL.3, CL.4		RES	6.1 acres	5.5 acres (- 0.6 acres, - 10%)	4.7 acres (- 1.5 acres, - 24%)	5.2 acres (- 1.0 acres, - 16%)





## CAG Involvement in Screening

- CAG Community Values and Priorities to be used to assess design options
- Provide feedback on the screening results that measure performance and benefits/impacts for design options
- Share input with the Executive Steering Group





# What's Next



## What's Next?

- Prioritize CAG values and priorities and design options
- Develop assessment matrix to evaluate LPA design options
- CAG meetings
  - Change in regular meeting date
  - Number of meetings
  - Combining advisory groups



## Next Program Meetings

- Equity Advisory Group
  - January 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Executive Steering Group
  - January 20, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- Community Advisory Group
  - February 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m.? TBD?



### **Future CAG Topics**

- Fall Community Engagement Feedback + Report
- Transit Equity Analysis
- Design Options / Screening Results
- Introduction to tolling





# **Public Comment**



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# Wrap up

### Final Thoughts







# Thank you!

