



IBR Executive Steering Group Meeting

June 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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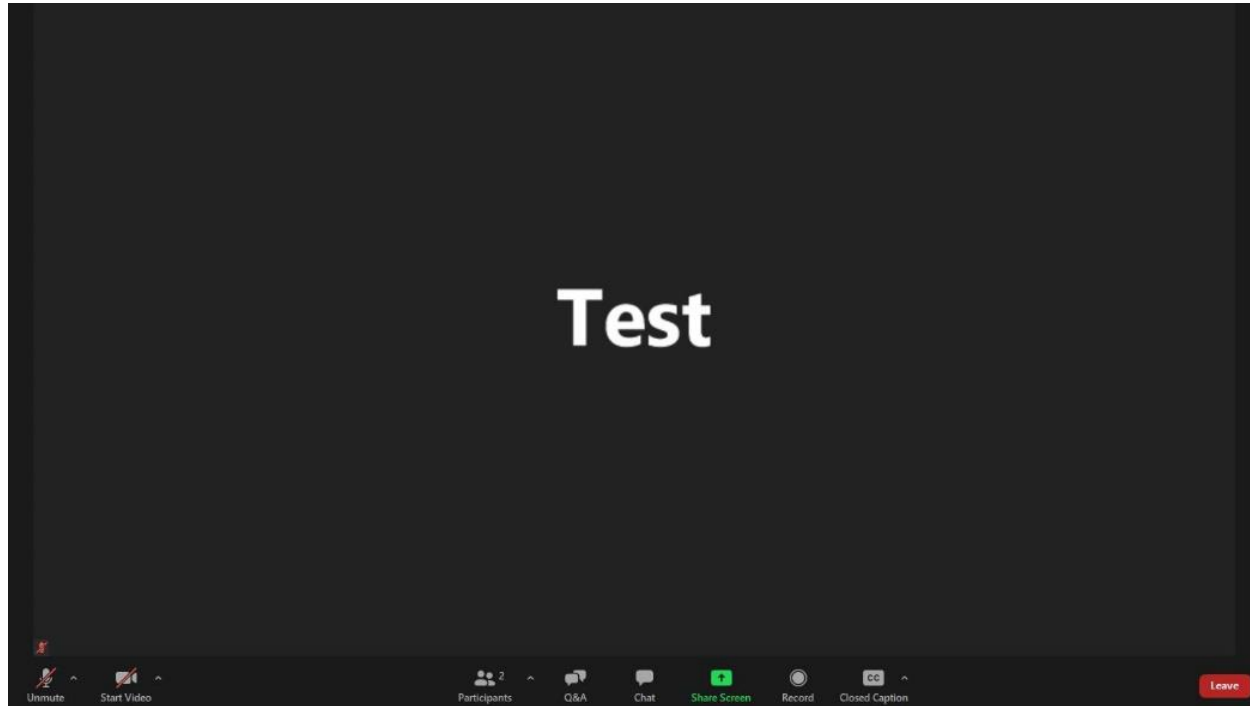
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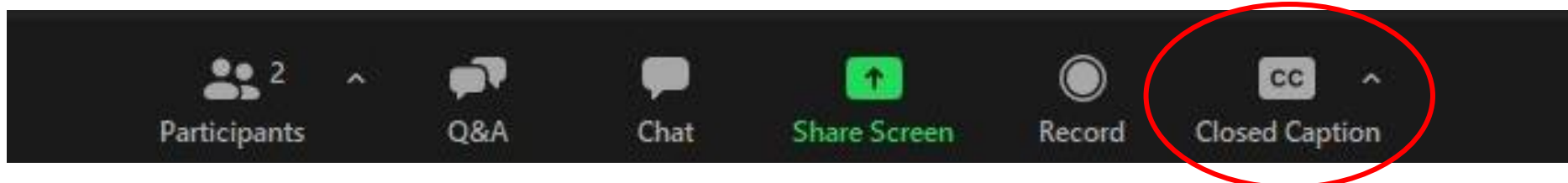
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- ▶ We encourage panelists to turn on your video.
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Public Input Instructions

- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input later in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
 - Email comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “ESG Public Comment” in the subject line
 - Call 888-503-6735 and state “ESG Public Comment” in your message



Meeting Ground Rules

- ▶ Honor the agenda
- ▶ Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- ▶ Hard on the problems, soft on the people
- ▶ Address interests and seek common ground
- ▶ Provide a balance of speaking time



Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, and Updates
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Overview & Update – Coast Guard River Navigation Clearance Process Update
10:50 – 11:10 AM	Overview – Program Commitments
11:10 – 11:30 AM	Debrief – Advisory Group Program Area Tour
11:30 – 11:40 AM	Public Comment
11:40 – 11:45 AM	Confirm Upcoming Meeting Topics, Next Steps and Summary

Welcome, Introductions, and Brief Program Updates



Program Administrator Updates

- Boards/Councils/Commissions Briefings Update
- Review of Risks – Escalation/Inflation

Presented by:

Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator

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What We've Heard

- ▶ **May 10 – June 14: Program Modified LPA briefing and discussion at partner boards, councils, and commissions**
 - **May 10, Portland City Council**
 - *How IBR has incorporated lessons learned to improve bi-state leadership, governance, finance, and decision-making*
 - *How climate and equity metrics will be developed and achieved, including user experience, environment, and aesthetics*
 - **May 12, Metro Council**
 - *Right-sizing and limiting bridge footprint is important*
 - *Addressing equity concerns is critical and needs to be continued through meaningful engagement and applying the equity framework to decisions*
 - *Variable rate tolling and light rail transit with bus service are necessary to manage congestion, provide travel options, and meet climate goals*
 - **May 16 and June 6, Vancouver City Council**
 - *A desire to better understand how the interchanges within the Vancouver BIA will be improved*
 - *Questions about adequate capacity and freight accommodation with the recommended number of lanes*
 - *Ensuring the program is building equity into the program process, as well as tangible outcomes*
 - **May 25, TriMet Board of Directors**
 - *Maintaining and improving the performance of C-TRAN and TriMet's transit systems to support the Modified LPA is critical*
 - *It is essential to update the project finance plan to identify clear project costs, agreements, and funding sources*

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 - **June 7, RTC Board of Directors**
 - *Finance equity, cost sharing the tolling limits*
 - *Auxiliary lanes to optimize system performance, safety, and freight movement (and high-wide-heavy)*
 - *Economic development opportunities, include aggressive job development and training programs*
 - *Community benefits and respect for archaeology resources on North Bank*
 - **June 8, Port of Portland Board of Commissioners**
 - *Access to and from Marine Drive is as important as balancing overall height of the bridge with PDX and river navigation needs*
 - *Centering equitable outcomes is essential*
 - **June 14, Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners**
 - **June 14, C-TRAN Board of Directors**

Near Term Timeline

▶ June 16 – July 14: Program partner boards, councils, and commissions endorse the Modified LPA

- June 16, JPACT
- June 22, TriMet Board of Directors
- June 27, Vancouver City Council
- July 5, RTC Board of Directors
- July 11, Vancouver City Council
- July 12, Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners
- July 12, C-TRAN Board of Directors
- July 13, Port of Portland Board of Commissioners
- July 13, Portland City Council
- July 14, RTC Board of Directors
- July 14, Metro Council

▶ July 21

- Executive Steering Group considers consensus recommendation to move the Modified LPA into the SEIS process for further evaluation
- Bi-state legislative committee responds to the recommendation to move the Modified LPA into the SEIS process for further evaluation



Update – Coast Guard River Navigation Clearance Process

Presented by:

Ray Mabey, Assistant Program Administrator

June 15, 2022

Program Update: U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Clearance Permit Process

- ▶ **A preliminary navigation clearance determination is one of many steps in the process to identify the final bridge height**
 - Preliminary determination is based on initial feedback the Coast Guard received from river users
 - As new information becomes available, the navigation clearance that is identified may change to address the new information
- ▶ **IBR will continue coordinating with the Coast Guard to identify a solution that best accommodates river navigation while balancing the needs of other modes, including freight, automobile, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and aviation**
 - Challenges with a bridge design that allows a higher clearance include airspace restrictions, grade requirements, and connections for freight, transit, and active transportation
 - Upcoming work will consider the tradeoffs for each set of users to identify the best way to avoid impacts to river users while addressing the transportation problems identified in the program Purpose and Need



Overview – Program Commitments

Presented by:

Frank Green, Assistant Program Administrator

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Developing Program Commitments

- ▶ The Modified LPA is a foundation for what to study in the SEIS.
- ▶ The program is developing a list of commitments for future work and/or analysis:
 - Active Transportation
 - *Provide active transportation connections to HCT stations*
 - Climate/Sustainability
 - *Prioritize a high level of sustainable design and construction practices*
 - Community
 - *Authentically engage with advisory groups in all major program decisions*
 - Contracting/Construction
 - *Set targets to achieve DBE utilization and workforce diversity.*

Developing Program Commitments

- Design
 - *Aesthetically pleasing, cost efficient, and sustainable.*
- Equity
 - *Accountability tracking tool and Equity Framework reporting.*
- Finance Plan
 - *Refining costs and revenue estimate, including federal, state, and local funding.*
- Freight
 - *Ensure auxiliary lane design, interchanges, and bridge configuration meet freight needs.*
- Tolling
 - *Prepare an Equity Report to assess the impact of tolls on low-income travelers.*
- Transit
 - *Work with partner agencies to optimize transit network.*



Debrief – Advisory Group Program Area Tour

Presented by:

Robin Richardson, Community Advisory Group (CAG) Member

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Opportunity for Public Input

Comment Instructions

To make a verbal comment:

- ▶ If you have joined by Zoom, click “Raise Hand.”
- ▶ If you have joined by phone, press *9 to raise your hand.
- ▶ The facilitator will call on participants. You will receive an “unmute” request. Please accept it. If you are commenting by phone dial *6 to unmute.
- ▶ Please provide your name and affiliation.
- ▶ Attendees will be allocated up to 2 minutes for public comment depending on the number of commenters up to a total of 10 minutes.



If we run out of time and you have not had a chance to speak, you can still provide comments after the meeting.

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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 ESG members. Comments received after that point will be distributed to members in advance of their next meeting. All comments are posted on the IBR website.





Confirm Upcoming Meeting Topics, Next Steps, and Summary

Confirmation of Upcoming Meeting Topics

▶ July 21, 2022

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Thank you!