



IBR Executive Steering Group Meeting

July 21, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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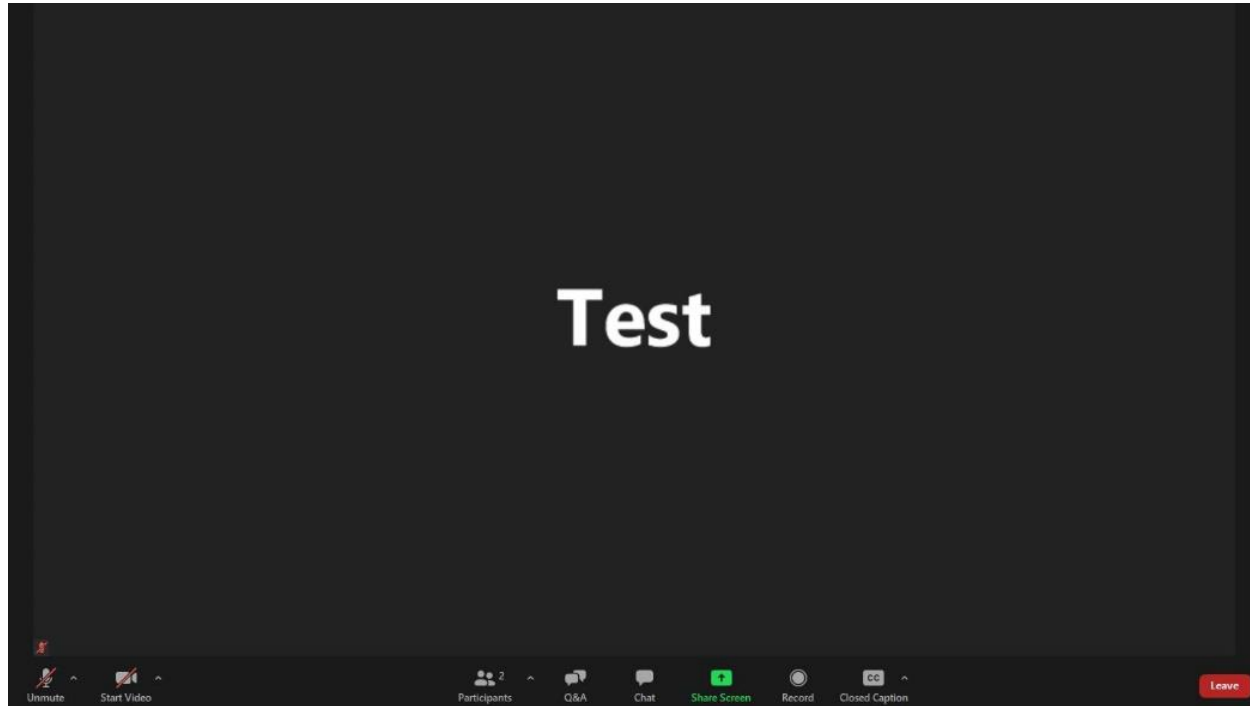
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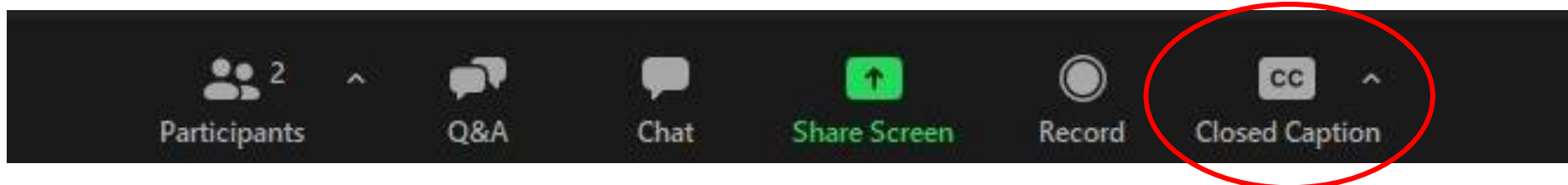
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- ▶ There will be an opportunity to provide brief public input in the meeting today.
- ▶ To submit input after the meeting:
 - Email comments to info@interstatebridge.org with “ESG Public Comment” in the subject line
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Meeting 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 -10:15 am	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review
10:15 -10:30 am	Public Comment
10:30 -10:40 am	Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Administrator Updates
10:40 -11:20 am	Executive Steering Group Member Updates
11:20 -11:30 am	Overview of Next Steps
11:30 – 11:50 am	Partner Recommendations
11:50 – 11:59 am	Closing Statements and Confirmation of Upcoming Meeting Dates/Topics, Next Steps and Summary



Welcome & Acknowledgements

Introduction of Participating ESG Members

Opportunity for Public Input

Comment Instructions

To make a verbal comment:

- ▶ If you have joined by Zoom, click “Raise Hand.”
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- ▶ 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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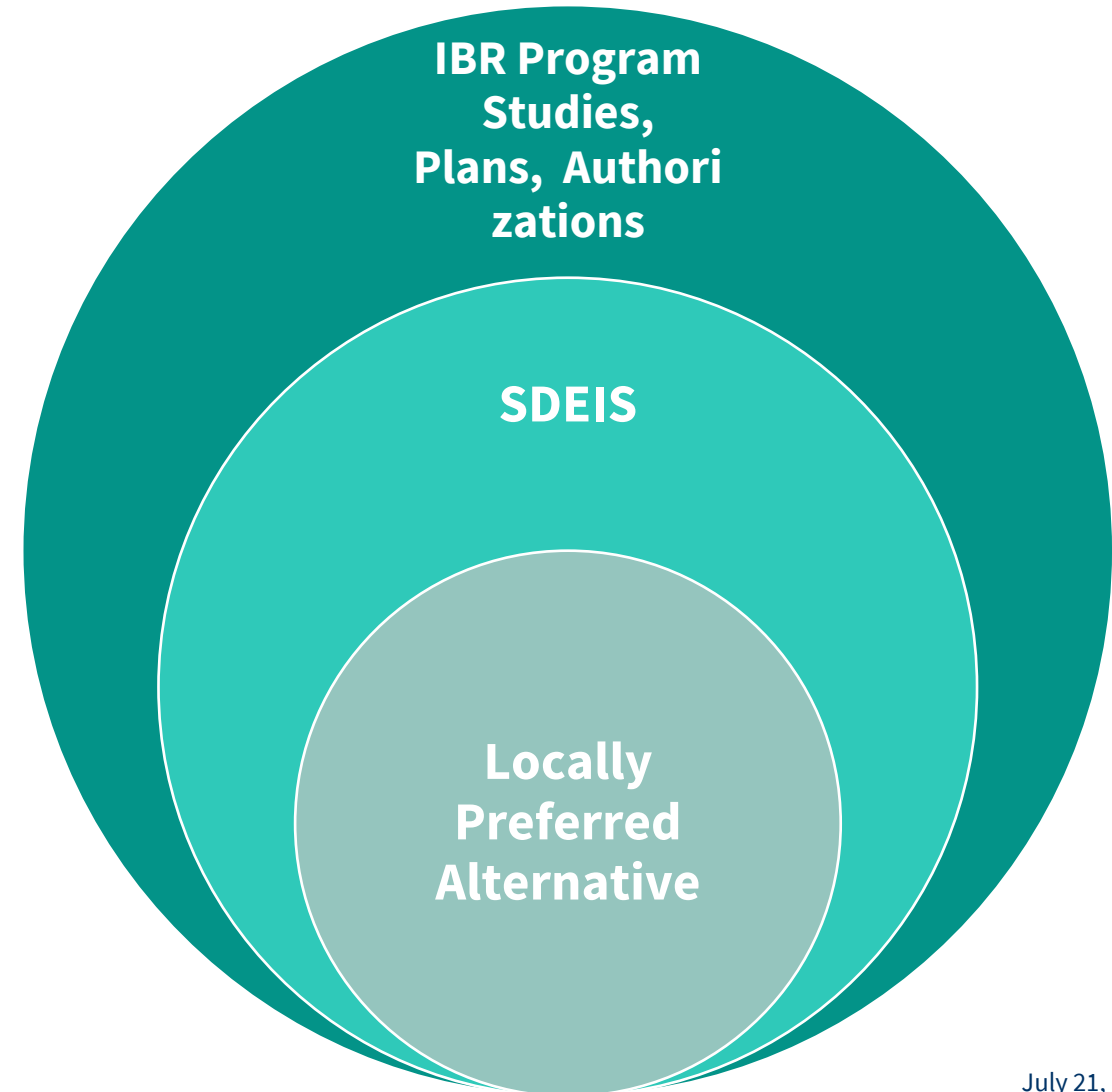
Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Administrator's Update

Continued Discussion of Modified LPA Recommendation and Process

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

LPA and SDEIS: How They Fit Together

- ▶ A Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) identifies the foundational elements to be studied in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) process
- ▶ The SDEIS evaluates the benefits and impacts of the Modified LPA with public review and comment



IBR Recommendation: Modified LPA


Hayden Island:
Partial Interchange
 Transit:
Light Rail to Evergreen near I-5

River Crossing
 Auxiliary Lanes:
1
 Variable Rate
 Tolling:
Yes



Partial Interchange Summary


Hayden Island Drive local-only trips and Tomahawk Island Drive extension increase Hayden Island east-west connectivity



Smaller interchange leaves space for a comfortable pedestrian environment and opportunities for open space



Addresses safety and congestion by improving active transportation, adding shoulders, increasing lane widths and improving ramp merges



Benefits of Expanding LRT from Expo to Evergreen

4 Stations* 

3,000+ Residents are within a half mile walk

26% BIPOC  **41%** Low-income

*Includes the existing Expo station and 3 new stations.

Equity - Jobs Accessible via Transit (% increase)*

68% General **73%** BIPOC

59% Low-income **71%** People w/ disabilities

*Increase in jobs accessible from the program area within a 45 minute midday transit ride. Percent increase determined by adding LRT Expo to Evergreen compared to 2045 No Build.

Climate - GHG Reduction*

36,000 metric tons/year
 or the equivalent of

7,000 homes' electricity for one year **OR** **89,400,000** miles driven by gas powered car

*GHG reduction is an estimate calculated from the displacement (or avoidance) in the shift from cars to transit.

Strategies to Combat Climate Change



- Demand Management, including Variable Rate Tolling (tolling will consider price reductions for low-income users and low-carbon vehicles)
- Increase traffic operation efficiencies (ramp metering and auxiliary lanes)
- Mode shift from cars to active transportation and transit
- Low-carbon emission construction strategies

IBR Recommendation: Modified LPA



Other Assumptions in the Recommended Modified LPA

- ▶ Seismically sound replacement bridge
- ▶ Three through lanes northbound and southbound
- ▶ Replacement of the North Portland Harbor Bridge
- ▶ Prioritize a comprehensive transit network
- ▶ Additional interchange improvements within the program corridor
- ▶ Safe and comfortable active transportation
- ▶ Assumption that Variable Rate Tolling will be used for funding and to help manage congestion

Modified LPA Endorsement Process

- ▶ **Program Partners: June 22-July 14**
 - All eight program partners endorsed the Modified LPA
- ▶ **Bi-State Legislative Committee: July 21**
 - Acknowledge the step to move the Modified LPA into the SDEIS process for further evaluation
- ▶ **Other feedback received**

Program Commitments

► Examples of additional work the program will prioritize:

– Active Transportation

- *Connect to transit stations*

– Climate/Sustainability

- *Sustainable design and construction*

– Community

- *Engage with advisory groups to inform program decisions*

– Contracting/Construction

- *DBE utilization & workforce diversity*

– Design

- *Aesthetically pleasing, cost efficient, and sustainable*

– Equity

- *Accountability tracking tool*

– Finance Plan

- *Refine cost and funding estimates*

– Freight

- *Ensure auxiliary lane design, interchanges, and bridge configuration meet freight needs*

– Tolling

- *Assess toll impacts on low-income travelers*

– Transit

- *Work with partners to optimize transit network*

Executive Steering Group Member Updates

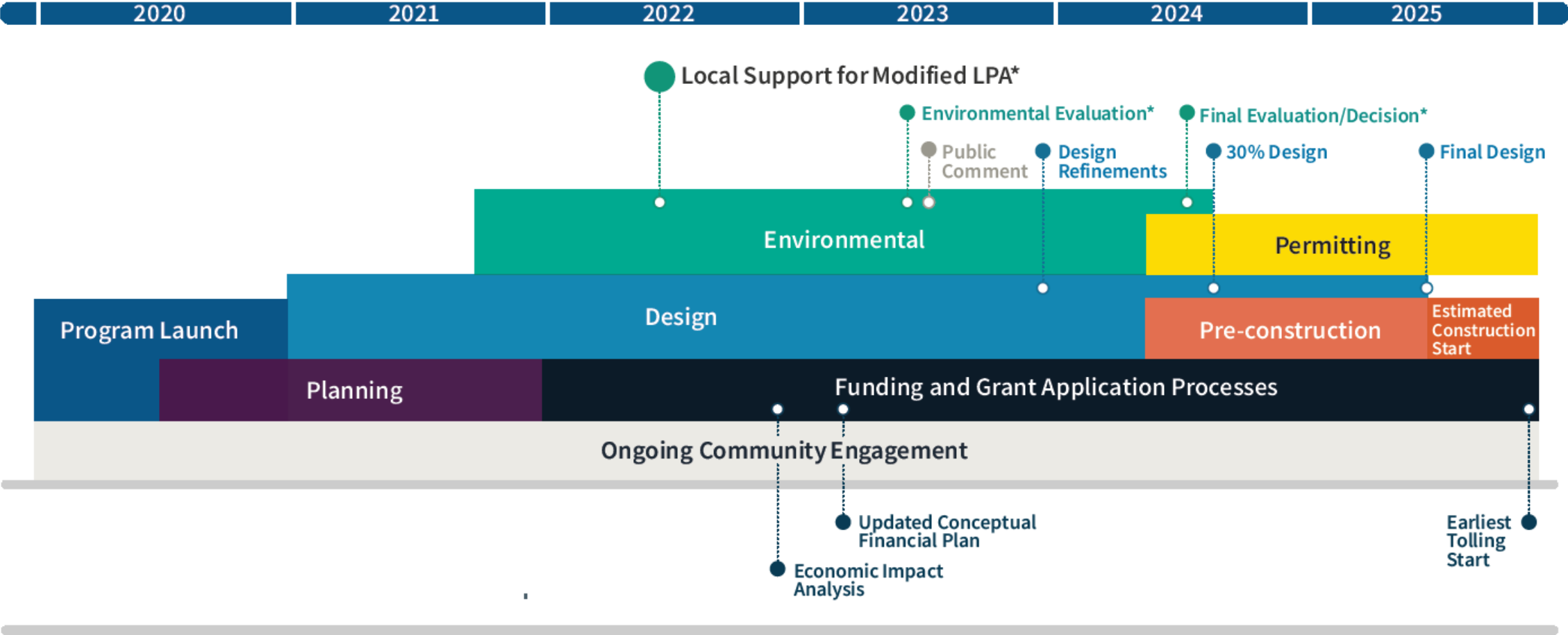
Overview of Next Steps - Part I

Greg Johnson, Program Administrator

Next Steps Beyond Summer 2022

- ▶ **Late 2022 through 2023:**
 - Updates to the Conceptual Finance Plan
 - Additional funding discussions as part of the 2023 legislative session
 - Applying for federal grant funding opportunities
- ▶ **Ongoing through 2024:**
 - Additional analysis and continued community engagement as part of the federal environmental review process
 - Development of design details such as bridge configuration, active transportation facilities, transit details, etc.
 - Community Benefit/Workforce Agreement discussion
- ▶ **Construction anticipated to begin by late 2025**

Program Schedule



*The Modified LPA will be evaluated in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Design refinements will respond to findings from the environmental review and feedback received during the public comment period. A Record of Decision represents federal authorization to move into final design and construction.



Questions or Feedback?

Partner Recommendations:

Do you, PARTNER, recommend to move the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) into the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) process for further evaluation?

Overview of Next Steps - Part II

John Willis, Program Manager

Supplemental EIS Process

- ▶ **Supplementing prior NEPA documents**
 - Draft EIS (2008)
 - Final EIS (2011)
 - Record of Decision (2011)
 - Two re-evaluations (2012, 2013)
- ▶ **Address changes through updated technical analysis while retaining other analysis that is still valid**
- ▶ **Evaluate a draft, conceptual Modified LPA in the Supplemental Draft EIS**
- ▶ **Publish the SDEIS and provide opportunity for public review and comment**
- ▶ **Refine the Modified LPA based on public comment, additional analysis, on-going coordination with permitting agencies, and advancing design**
- ▶ **Publish a combined Supplemental Final EIS and Record of Decision**

Confirm Upcoming Meeting Dates/Topics, Next Steps and Summary



Thank You!