

Multnomah County is working to create an earthquake ready Willamette River crossing

# An earthquake ready Burnside Bridge

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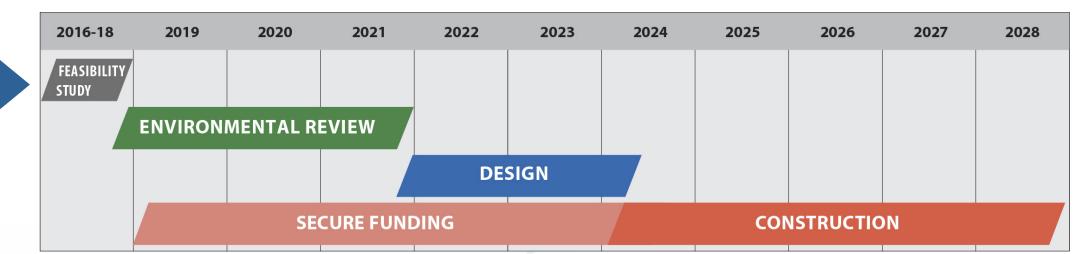
## Portland's aging downtown bridges are not expected to withstand a major earthquake.

Since 1926, the Burnside Bridge has served us well. To take us across the river for another 100 years, it needs an upgrade. Over the next several years, Multnomah County will evaluate options for creating a resilient Burnside crossing that will withstand a major earthquake.

# Visit burnsidebridge.org to view a simulation created by engineers depicting how the Burnside Bridge will respond in a large earthquake.

#### **PROJECT TIMELINE**

The project is now in the Environmental Review phase which includes preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Your input is vital in helping us get to a preferred option to advance into Design and then into Construction.



# Burnside is the Region's Lifeline

Located in the heart of Portland, the Burnside Bridge is a regionally established emergency route across the Willamette River.



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E Burnside St

**CONTINUAL CONNECTION** – Multi-modal east-west connection and regional lifeline route

**SEISMIC RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY -** Support disaster relief and emergency response to reunite families and accelerate economic recovery

East Multnomah County

BURNSIDE



**LOCAL SUPPORT -** Public survey reveals that bridge seismic repairs and safety improvements are high priorities\*



**REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS** – Cross-agency collaboration and strong communication

Washington County (26)

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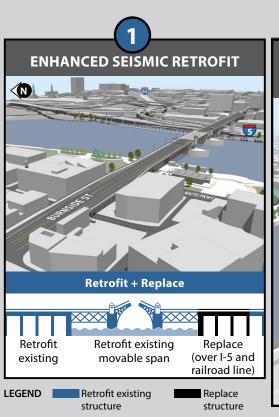
**LOCAL FUNDING** – Multnomah County has already funded major aspects of the project, but additional funding is needed to carry the project through construction



### **Alternatives** under evaluation

Four alternatives are being studied further as part of the Environmental Review phase of the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project, each with distinct characteristics to consider and evaluate. A no-build alternative will also be evaluated.

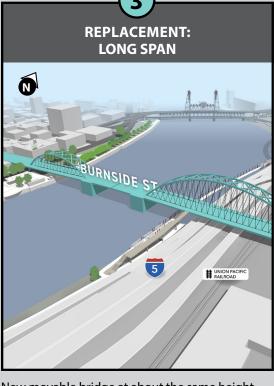
Alternative illustrations are not to scale and are for bridge type illustration purposes only.



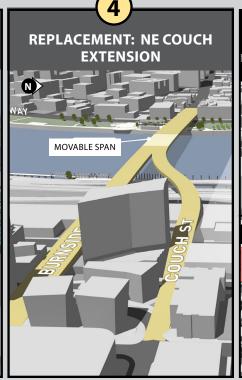
Upgrade of the existing bridge to meet current New movable bridge at about the same seismic standards. This includes a combination height and location as the current of retrofitting portions of the bridge and replacing others.



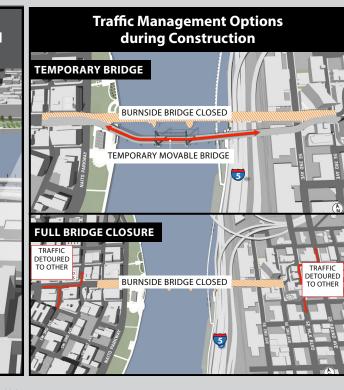
bridge (also considered a conventional in-kind replacement).



New movable bridge at about the same height and location as the current bridge but with longer and fewer spans than the other alternatives. This would include additional above deck structure. The arches shown here are just one example.



New movable bridge of about the same height as the current bridge. NE Couch St would extend out and over NE 2nd Ave and the highway and connect back to the bridge at a point over the river.



#### **WE ARE Environmental Review Process HERE** 2020 2021 2019 **SPRING FALL SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER SUMMER WINTER FALL WINTER SPRING SUMMER** I ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS ALTERNATIVES REFINEMENT **Publish Draft Environmental** Results of **Results of Alternatives Refinement Alternatives Evaluation** Impact Statement (DEIS) and Recommended Evaluation Criteria **Approval of Identify Preferred** Final EIS and Decision on **Evaluation Criteria and Alternative Preferred Alternative Refined Alternatives** TION **Get involved and help us** decide the future of this bridge! **COMMUNITY INPUT COMMUNITY INPUT COMMUNITY INPUT Respond to Comments and Update Environmental Impact Statement** Formal 60-day comment period Get input on evaluation criteria Share results of Stay involved by signing up for project updates and alternatives evaluation Share refined alternatives opportunities to share input at BurnsideBridge.org. Share findings from the Get input on preferred Come participate in-person or online at one of environmental analysis (DEIS) alternative our many events. Get input on findings

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