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

# **Understanding the Long Span Alternative**

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## What is a long span bridge?

A type of bridge that requires fewer support columns, allowing for longer spacing, or spans, between columns. A vertical support structure above the deck of the bridge is needed to accomplish the longer spans. A variety of vertical structures can be considered for this project, including tied arch, truss, and cable stayed options (see examples on back page).

#### Why are we considering it?

The long span alternative allows for fewer columns in the Geotechnical Hazard Zones on each side of the river, reducing project risks and costs.

# **Decisions Regarding Long Span Alternative**

#### **Environmental Phase Decisions**

Choosing a Preferred Alternative at this stage of the process means deciding on a class of bridge that considers high level variables including:

- Retrofit or replacement
- Alignment
- Width
- Number and approximate location of columns
- Approximate span lengths

#### **Future Phase Decisions**

#### **Type Selection Phase Decisions (TS)**

- Bridge superstructure type
- · Column sizes and locations
- Movable bridge type

#### **Specific to Cable Stayed option:**

Tower location

#### **Final Design Phase Decisions (FD)**

- Column shape
- Bridge lighting, railings, color and texture

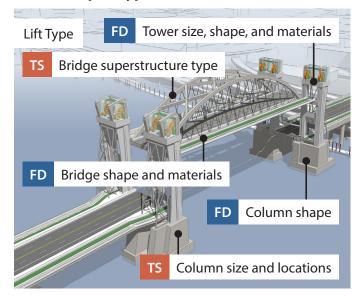
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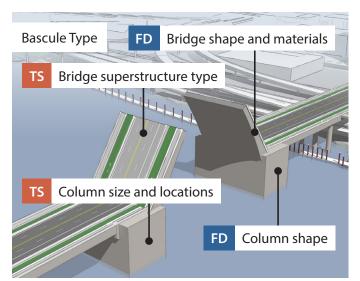
- · Arch height
- Arch rib materials, size, curvature, and shape
- Cross-frame size and shape
- · Cable size and pattern

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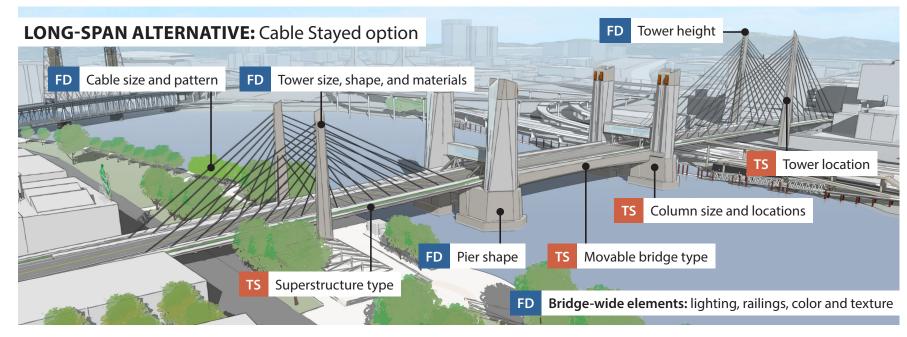
- Tower height, size, shape, and materials
- Cable size and pattern

### Movable Span Type: variables for consideration



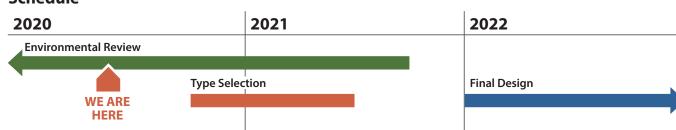


# LONG-SPAN ALTERNATIVE: Tied Arch option FD Arch rib materials, size, curvature, and shape FD Cable size and pattern FD Cross-frame size and shape FD Pier shape TS Movable bridge type Bridge-wide elements: lighting, railings, color and texture



## LEGEND: Schedule

- TS Type Selection Phase
- FD Final Design Phase





# **Bridge Type Examples**

# **BRIDGE TYPE OPTION:** Tied Arch examples









Torikai Ohas Bridge, Japan Siuslaw River Bridge, Oregon

Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, Pennsylvania

Gateway Bridge, Michigan

# **BRIDGE TYPE OPTION:** Cable Stayed examples





Indian River Inlet Bridge, Delaware

Chongqing Expressway Bridge, Oregon

Copper River Bridge, South Carolina

Tilikum Crossing Bridge, Oregon

# **BRIDGE TYPE OPTION:** Through Truss examples



Main Street Bridge, Florida



Triborough (Harlem River) Bridge, New York Tower Bridge, CA





Broadway Bridge, Oregon



Hawthorne Bridge, Oregon

# **MOVABLE SPAN:** Bascule examples



South Park Bridge, Washington



Harbor Bridge, Spain



New Johnson St. Bridge, Canada



Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Maryland

# **MOVABLE SPAN:** Vertical Lift examples



Teregganu Bridge, Malaysia



Fore River Bridge, Massachusetts Pont Jacques Chaban, Delmas





Manchester Millenium Bridge, England

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