



Community Design Advisory Group Meeting #1

Multnomah County
Department of Community Services
Transportation Division

September 28, 2023

(All CDAG meetings are live-streamed, recorded and available to the public.)

Welcome & Opening Remarks



Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks
2. Introductions & Housekeeping
3. Project Overview
4. Design Phase Overview
5. Review & Confirm Charter
6. Public Comment Period
7. Next Steps & Closing Remarks



Housekeeping

Safety Briefing & Meeting Protocols

Safety

- Evacuation location: Parking lot on the SE corner of 6th and Hawthorne (cross at light at SE 7th Ave)
- Emergency exits
- Restrooms outside the door

Meeting

- Question or comment: raise your hand or turn your table tent on the short end
- Speak clearly and toward the microphones
- Limit multitasking, side conversations and noise that could be picked up by the microphones
- All meetings are live to the public and recorded

Housekeeping

Meeting Protocols

- Be curious and willing to learn and contribute.
- Ask questions of each other to gain clarity and understanding.
- Express yourself in terms of your preferences, interests, and outcomes you wish to achieve.
- Listen respectfully, support each other and try to understand the needs and interests of others.
- Respect timelines by being concise and brief with comments and questions.
- Focus on the agreed scope of the discussion.
- Attend all meetings in a timely manner.
- Respect the role of the facilitator to guide the group process.
- Seek common ground.

Introductions & Roll Call

- **Aaron Whelton**, *Portland State University*
- **Anthony Jackson**, *Community Member*
- **Brian P. Kimura**, *Japanese American Museum of Oregon*
- **Carol Gosset**, *Oregon Museum of Science & Industry*
- **Chris Herring**, *Portland Winter Light Festival*
- **TBD**, *Portland Saturday Market*
- **Fred Cooper**, *Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association & Native American Youth and Family Center*
- **Gabe Rahe**, *Burnside Skatepark*
- **Guenevere Millius**, *Sunnyside Neighborhood Association*
- **Ian Sieren**, *Community Member*
- **Jackie Tate**, *Community Member*
- **Jason Halstead**, *Community Member*
- **Neil Jensen**, *Gresham Chamber of Commerce*
- **Paddy Tillett**, *Architect/Design Professional*
- **Patrick Sullivan**, *SERA Architects*
- **Robert Hastings**, *Willamette Light Brigade*
- **Sarah Lazzaro**, *Community Member*
- **Sharon Wood Wortman**, *Historian*
- **Ed Wortman**, *Community Member*
- **Susan Lindsay**, *Buckman Neighborhood Association*
- **Valerie Schiller**, *Multnomah County Bike/Ped Citizen Advisory Committee*
- **Todd DeNeffe**, *Central Eastside Industrial Council*

— Introductions & Roll Call —

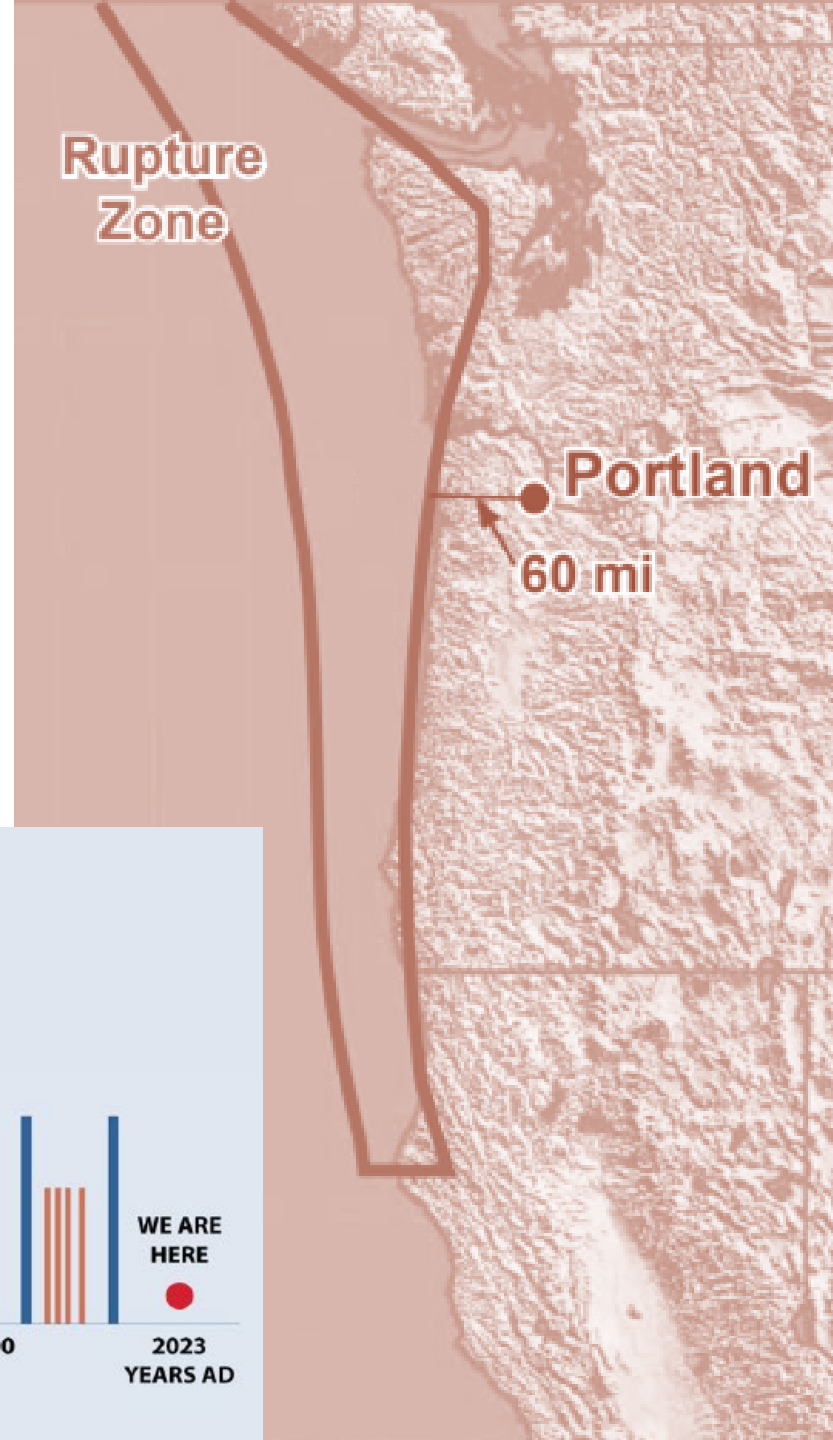
- Name and pronouns
- Affiliation (if applicable)
- Why did you want to be on this committee?

PROJECT OVERVIEW



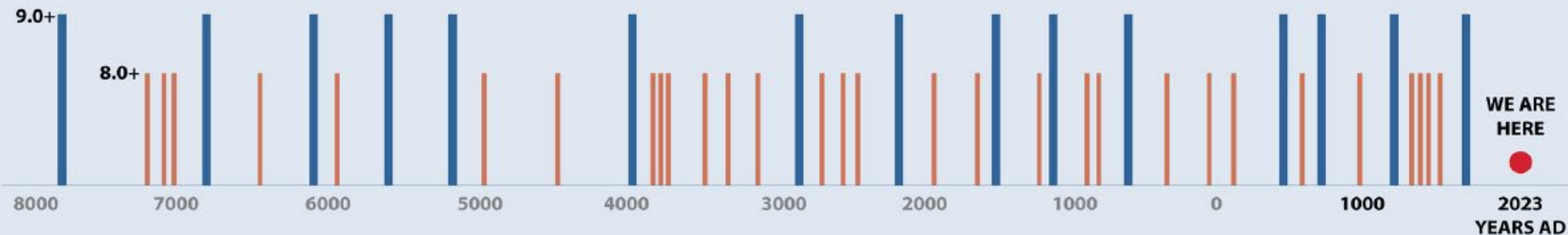
Why is there a need for a seismically resilient Willamette River Crossing?

- ⚠️ Regional earthquake risk
- ⚠️ 1 in 3 chance of a magnitude 8+ earthquake occurring within 50 years

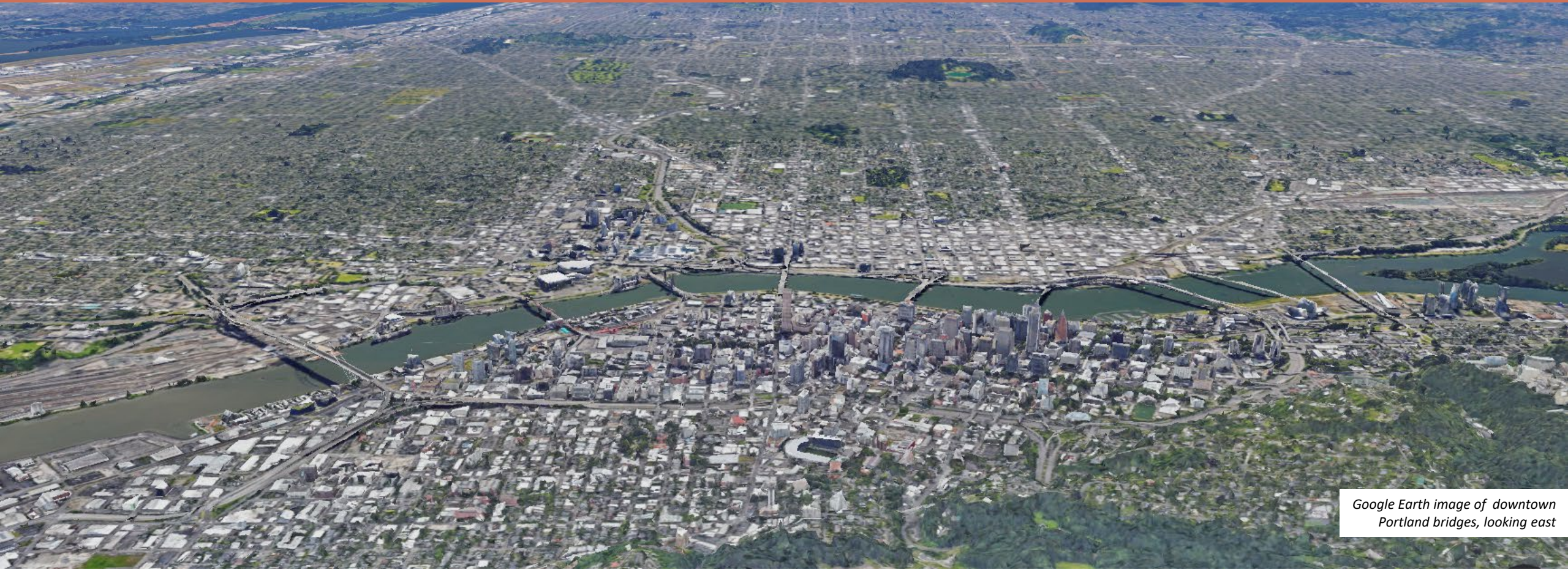


CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE (CSZ) EARTHQUAKE

Last major quake in Oregon occurred 323 years ago, a timespan that exceeds 75% of the intervals between the major quakes to hit Oregon over the last 10,000 years.

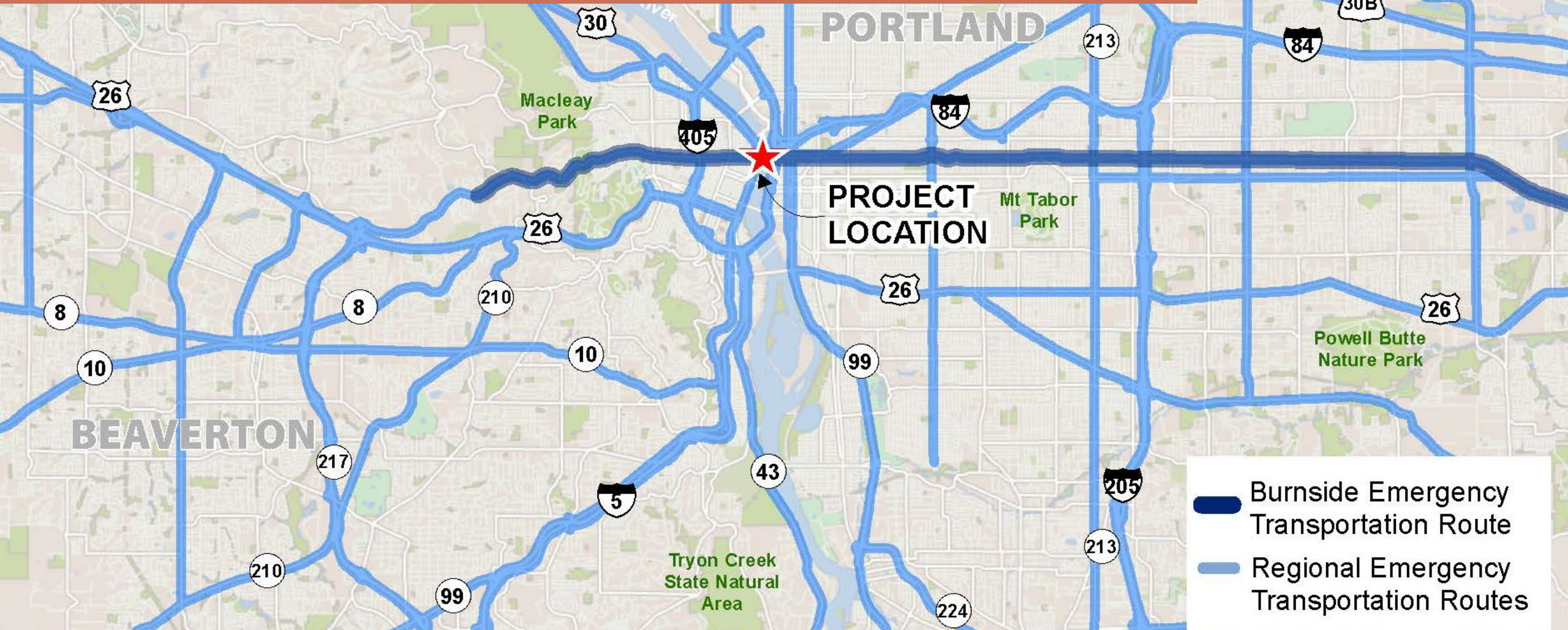


Of the 9 downtown bridges, carrying 41 traffic lanes, none are expected to be immediately usable following a major earthquake.



*Google Earth image of downtown
Portland bridges, looking east*

Why rebuild the Burnside Bridge?



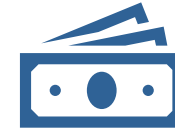
Project Goals & Objectives



Resiliency



Safety



**Financial
Responsibility**



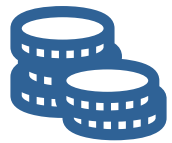
**Workforce
Diversity**



Equity



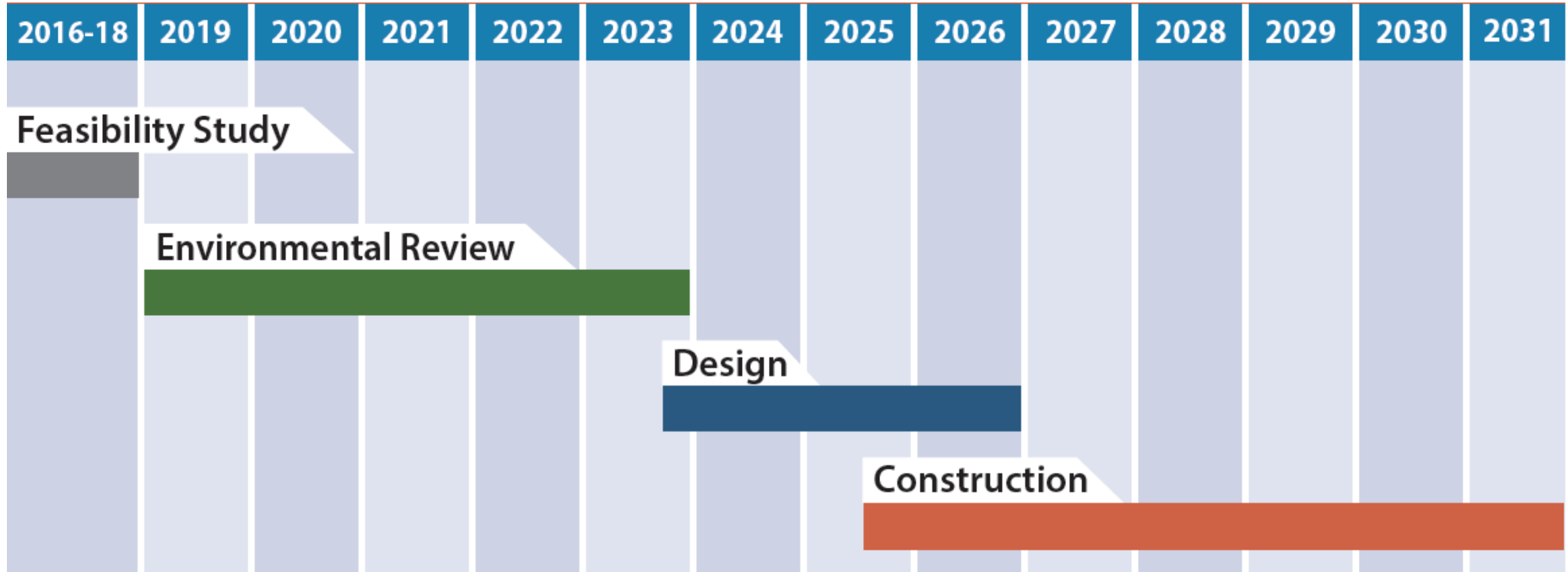
Sustainability



**Economic
Stimulus**

Where we have been...

Project Timeline



Where we have been...

Environmental Review Phase

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – federal requirement
- Perform a robust environmental analysis on a range of alternatives and identify option with least environmental impacts
- Select a Preferred Alternative based on the analysis and community input

Where we have been...

Community Engagement (2017-2022)



7

Major
Rounds of
Outreach

350+

Briefings

19

DEI Focus/Working
Group Meetings

7

Online Open
Houses and
Surveys

13K+

Survey
Responses

13

Project Videos
(with over
100K views)

45+

E-newsletters and
News Releases

80+

Social Media
Posts and Ads

34

Community Task
Force Meetings

8

Policy Group
Meetings

23+

Diverse Organizations
Reached

Preferred Alternative

Replacement Long-span Bridge



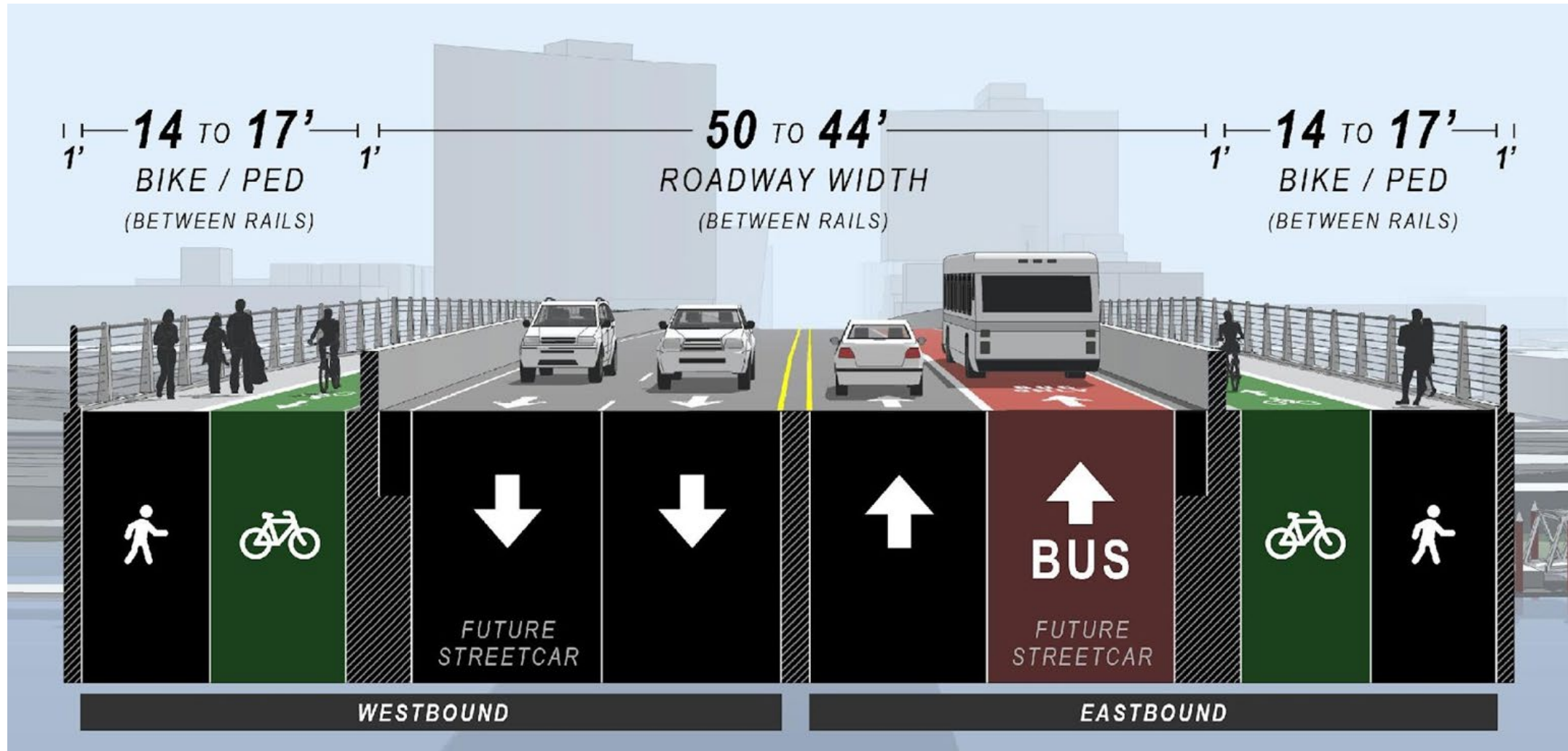
with Tied Arch for eastside long span



with Cable Stay Tower for eastside long span

Preferred Alternative

Cross Section (looking eastbound)

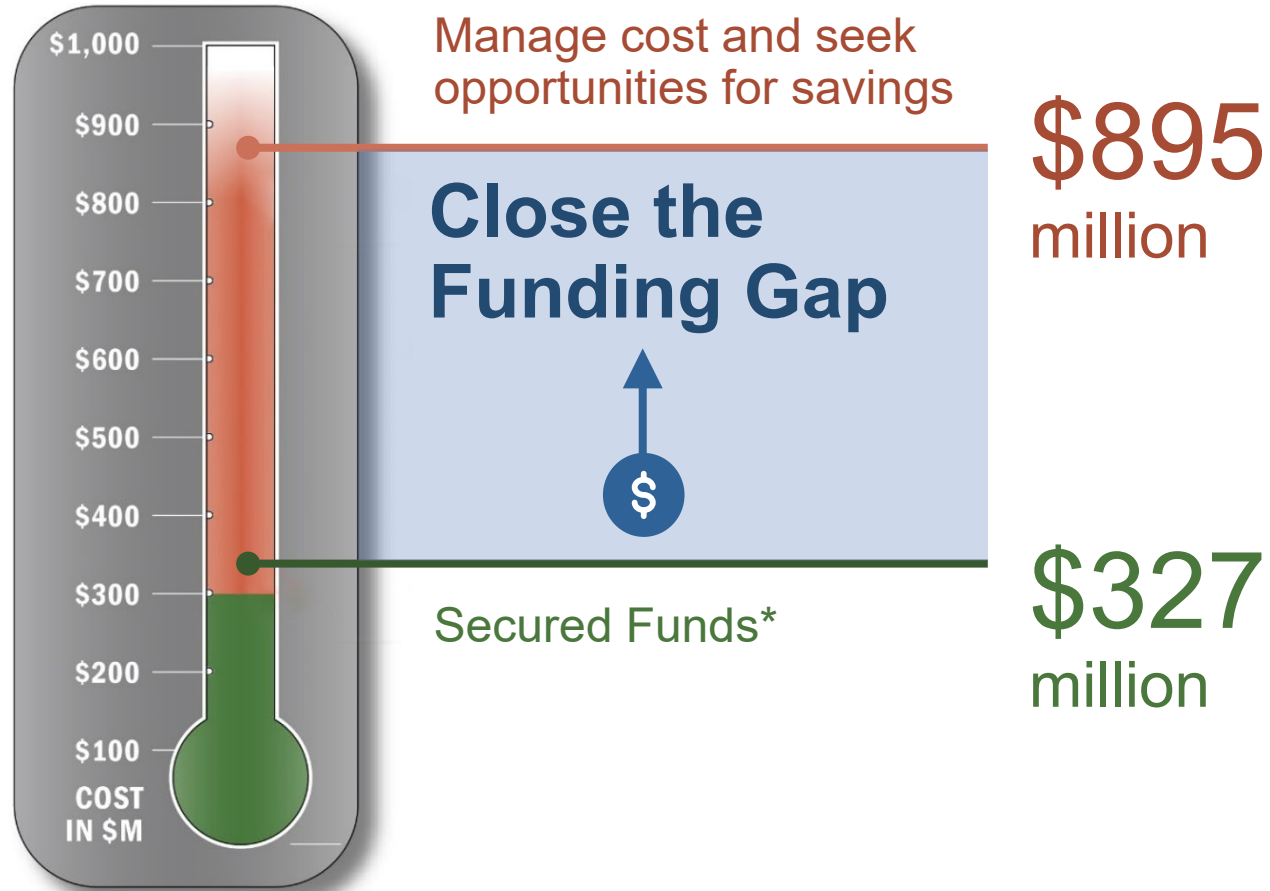


Preferred Alternative

Close Bridge and Detour Traffic during Construction



Funding Status



*SECURED FUNDS

Local: \$300M

(Vehicle registration fees)

State: \$20M

(House Bill 5030 lottery bonds)

Federal: \$7M

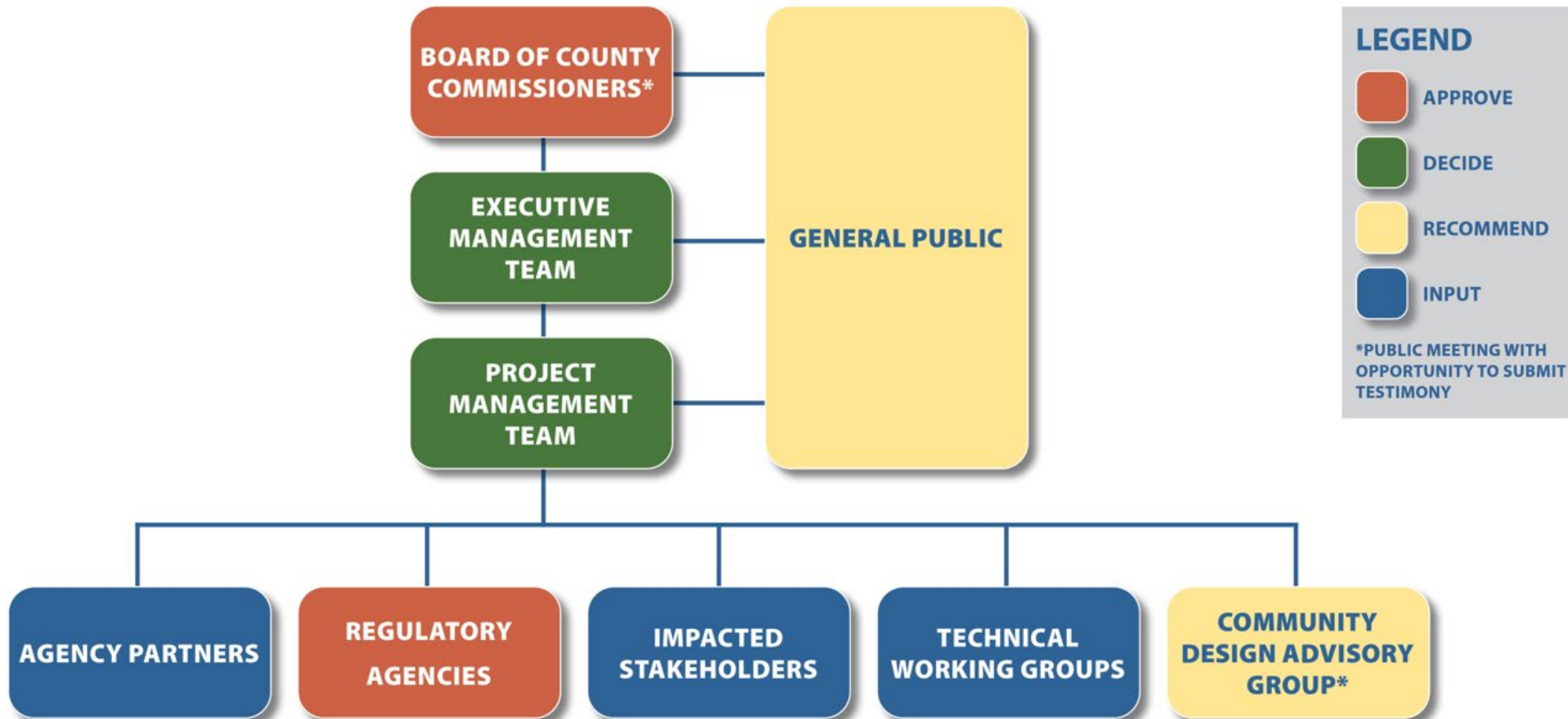
(FY22 RAISE grant & FY23 congressional appropriations)

DESIGN PHASE OVERVIEW



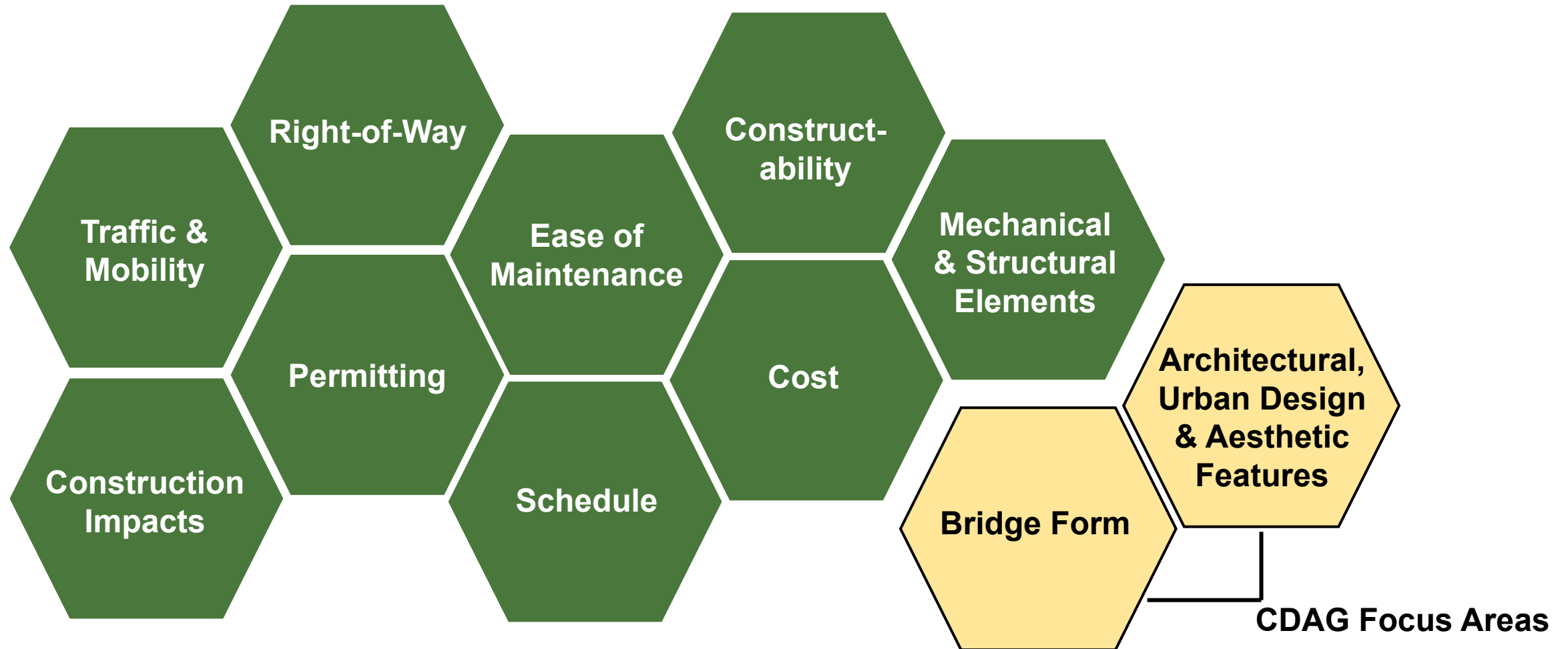
Design Phase Overview

Decision-Making Framework



Design Phase Overview

Key Elements & Considerations



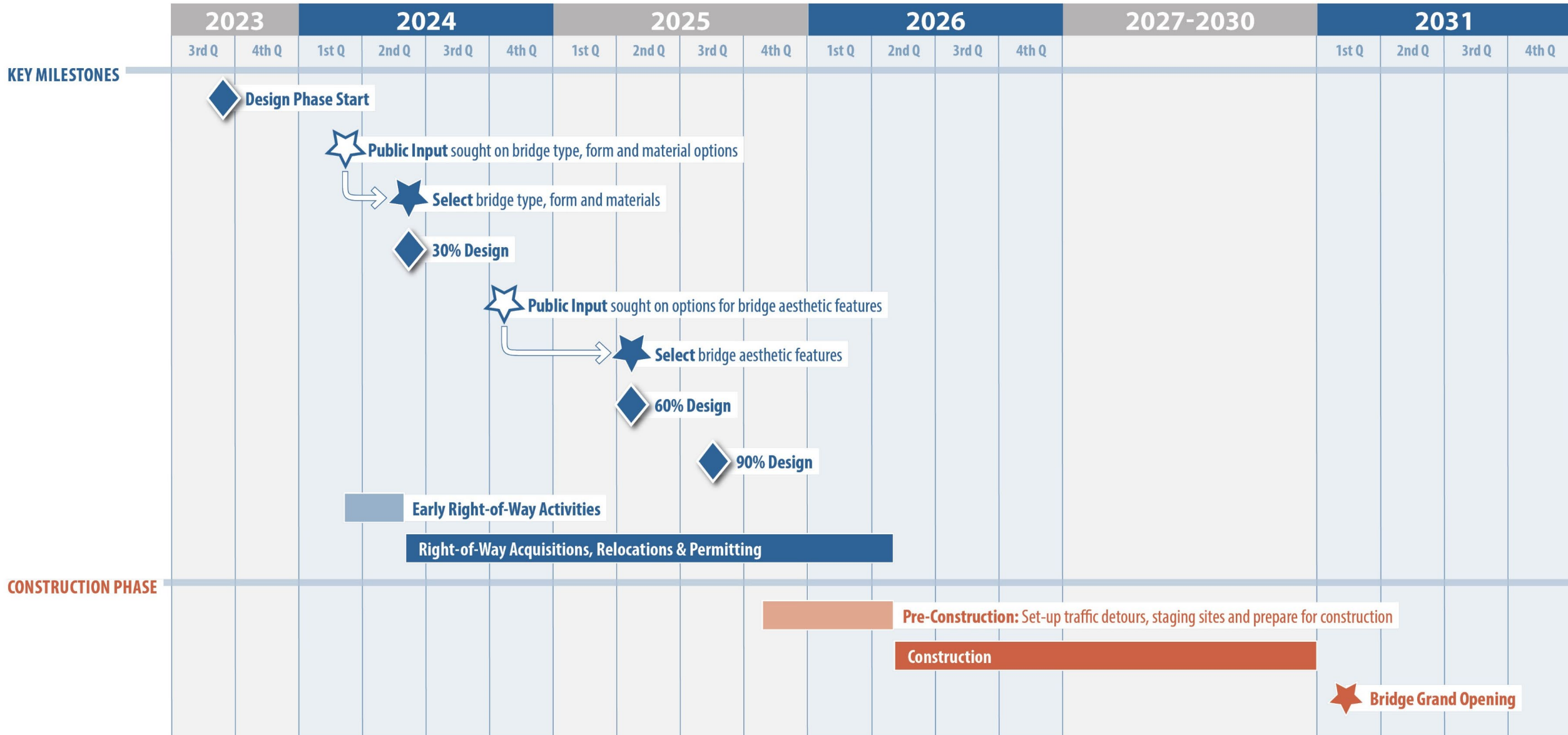
Design Phase Overview

Visioning, Aesthetics & Urban Design

- Urban Design & Aesthetics Working Group Contributions
- Tour of Burnside Bridge Vicinity
- Visioning & Design Discussions
 - Response to Context
 - Landmark Qualities, Gateway, Character & Experience
 - Coherence of Bridge Types
 - Scale, Form, Materials & Details
- Previous Public Presentations & Briefings

Design Phase Timeline

Preliminary – dates are subject to change



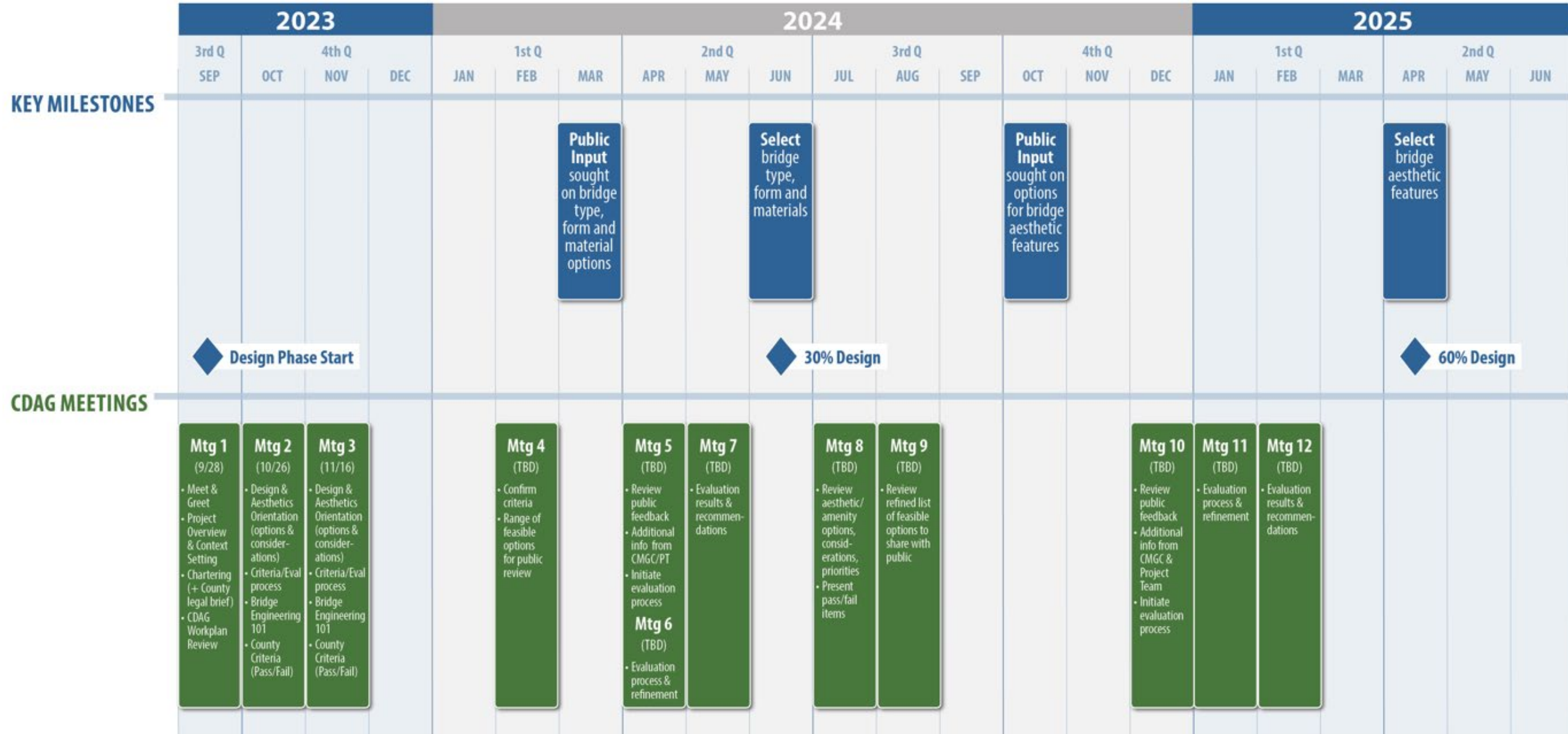
CDAG Workplan

Key Milestones

- **Fall 2023:** CDAG Kick Off and Orientation
- **Early 2024:** CDAG Criteria Review
- **Spring 2024:** CDAG Evaluation and Recommendations
 - *Bridge type, form and materials*
- **Winter 2024/2025:** CDAG Evaluation and Recommendations
 - *Bridge aesthetic features*
- **Early 2025:** CDAG Work Complete

CDAG Workplan

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CHARTER & GROUP PROTOCOLS



Charter & Group Protocols

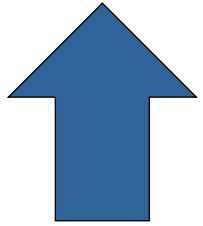
- Purpose of the Community Design Advisory Group
- Outcomes of the group
- Membership and review
 - Membership term
 - Member participation
 - Evaluation and review
 - Meeting frequency, location, agenda, materials, minutes

Charter & Group Protocols

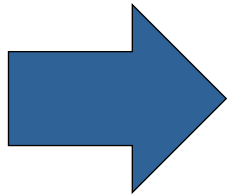
- Decision-Making
 - Working toward consensus
- Formal spokesperson
- Photography, recording and social media
- Governance structure
- Official duties
- Conflict of interest

Charter & Group Protocols

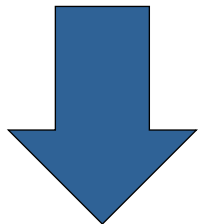
Recommendations



Thumb Up = Support Recommendation



Middle Thumb = Can Live With Recommendation



Thumb Down = Do Not Support Recommendation

PUBLIC COMMENT



Public Comment



- State your first and last name
- Speak clearly and concisely
- Limit your comment to three minutes

If you have questions that you would like a response to, please submit them to burnsidebridge@multco.us.

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

- **CDAG Bridge Tours** (*two options*):
 - Friday, September 29, 1-3 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Upcoming CDAG Meetings:**
 - Thursday, October 26, 6-8 p.m. (in-person)
 - Thursday, November 16, 6-8 p.m. (in-person)
- **Homework**

EARTHQUAKE
READY
BURNSIDE BRIDGE

Thank you!

