



Multnomah County is creating an earthquake-ready downtown river crossing.

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November 21, 2024

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 11 Summary

During this meeting, the Community Design Advisory Group (CDAG) reviewed its work plan for 2025. The project team shared that the County will be asking for general input from the committee on other bridge design elements. Committee members got an update on the design progress from BEAM Architects and an introduction to bridge lighting from HLB Lighting Design. Committee members shared initial thoughts and discussed considerations for bridge design elements and lighting. The meeting was held in-person at the Multnomah Building Boardroom from 6:00-8:00 p.m., live streamed and recorded.

ATTENDEES

CDAG MEMBERS

Aaron Whelton, Portland State University
Anthony Jackson, Community Member
Brian P. Kimura, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
Carol Gossett, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
Erik Swenson, 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
Neil Jensen, Gresham Chamber of Commerce
Paddy Tillett, Architect/Design Professional
Patrick Sullivan, Community Member
Robert Hastings, Willamette Light Brigade
Sharon Wood Wortman, Historian
Ed Wortman, Community Member
Susan Lindsay, Buckman Neighborhood Association

ABSENT

Jason Halstead, Community Member
Valerie Schiller, Multnomah County Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee
Todd DeNeffe, Central Eastside Industrial Council

STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County
Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County
Steve Drahota, HDR
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed
Cassie Davis, CD Consulting
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement
Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement
Greg Cazemier, David Evans & Associates
Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects
Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design

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Members of the public were welcome to observe the meeting as non-participatory attendees.



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SUMMARY

Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement, reviewed the agenda, meeting protocols and meeting purpose, as well as two engagement events the project team participated in during the fall.

Megan Neill, Multnomah County, reviewed the CDAG process moving forward in 2025. She shared the CDAG workplan and discussion topics for the remaining CDAG meetings.

Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects, provided CDAG members with an overview on the design progress. He highlighted type selection review, design continuity, west bridge, in-water piers and tower geometry.

Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design, provided an overview of bridge lighting and options for CDAG members to consider including general bridge lighting needs, aesthetics, design constraints and opportunities. **Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed**, guided the conversation back to the committee's guiding principles. **CDAG Members** shared their thoughts and questions.

Megan Neill, Multnomah County, shared an update on the Eastbank Esplanade. Multnomah County and the City of Portland made a joint decision to advance the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project without a ramp connection to the Eastbank Esplanade at this time. However, the County continues to meet with the City of Portland Parks and Recreation and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to identify potential solutions on connectivity in general. The County formed a workgroup of PBOT, Parks and County staff to look at connectivity and access to the Eastbank Esplanade.

Cassie Davis, CD Consulting, provided closing remarks and will be transitioning off this project after 10 years of dedicated work. **Stacy Thomas, HDR**, will be her replacement.

The meeting recording and materials are available at

www.multco.us/earthquake-ready-burnside-bridge/community-design-advisory-group-meeting-materials.

DECISIONS / COMMENTS

There were no decisions or recommendations made at this meeting.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

NEXT STEPS

The next CDAG meeting will be **Thursday, January 23, 2025**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.