



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

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March 20, 2025

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 13 Summary

HLB Lighting Design presented the potential lighting scenes for the new bridge. Mayer/Reed Architects reviewed urban design opportunities and reuse of historic materials. Committee members discussed and provided input and feedback throughout the meeting.

The meeting was held in-person at the Multnomah Building Boardroom on Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., live streamed and recorded.

ATTENDEES

CDAG MEMBERS

Aaron Whelton, Portland State University
Anthony Jackson, Community Member
Carol Gossett, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
Erik Swenson, Portland Saturday Market
Gabe Rahe, Burnside Skatepark
Guenevere Millius, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
Ian Sieren, Community Member
Jason Halstead, 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

Brian P. Kimura, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
Fred Cooper, Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association & Native American Youth and Family Center
Jackie Tate, 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
Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed
Shannon Simms, Mayer/Reed
Kathy Fry, Mayer/Reed
Steve Drahota, HDR
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement
Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement
Greg Cazemier, David Evans & Associates
Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects
Keith Griesig, H&H

PUBLIC

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

SUMMARY

Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement, reviewed the agenda and meeting protocols.

Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design, presented potential bridge lighting scenes for the new bridge. **CDAG Members** shared their input and discussed factors that may influence the light scenes decision. **Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement**, collected input and ideas through an interactive flipchart and encouraged members to share ideas on sticky notes. **Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed**, provided additional details on existing lighting scenes from nearby bridges and buildings.

Shannon Simms and Kathy Fry, Mayer/Reed, presented on the urban design opportunities. They first talked about the preliminary bridge undercrossing design concepts within Skidmore/Old Town Historic District and Central Eastside District. Then they touched on the reuse of historic materials. **CDAG Members** asked clarifying questions, provided feedback on reusing materials and historical artifacts and provided feedback on stairway connections.

Megan Neill, Multnomah County, shared that despite significant uncertainty at the federal level — affecting infrastructure projects across the country — Multnomah County will continue to push ahead with its Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. Design and other engineering work remains ongoing, and the County is committed to building a bridge that can withstand a major earthquake.

But to better navigate this uncertain time, Multnomah County has decided to extend the project's Design Phase, delaying the start of construction by one year to 2028. This extension will also give the team an opportunity to further refine the design and identify potential cost-savings.

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 is scheduled for **June 2025**. The final meeting date will be posted to the project website and emailed to CDAG members.