



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

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September 28, 2023

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 1 Summary

The first meeting gave the Community Design Advisory Group (CDAG) an opportunity to get an overview of the project, as well as gain a greater understanding of the group's role, charter protocols, work plan and project timeline.

The meeting was in-person at the Multnomah Building (501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR), live streamed and recorded. Meeting materials and recording can be found [here](#).

ATTENDEES

CDAG MEMBERS

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
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
Sarah Lazzaro, Community Member
Sharon Wood Wortman, Historian
Ed Wortman, Community Member
Susan Lindsay, Buckman Neighborhood Association
Todd DeNeffe, Central Eastside Industrial Council
Valerie Schiller, Multnomah County Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County
Elizabeth Britell, Multnomah County
Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County
Steve Drahota, HDR
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement
Jen Winslow, JLA Public Involvement
Valentina Peng, JLA Public Involvement
Cassie Davis, CD Consulting

ABSENT

Diana Gladden, Portland Saturday Market
Robert Hastings, Willamette Light Brigade



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SUMMARY

Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson gave a short speech in which she welcomed and thanked the group for dedicating so much time and energy to the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. She talked about how exciting it is for the project to reach the Design Phase milestone and the importance of building not only a seismically resilient bridge, but one that holds a lot of meaning to the community.

The project team reviewed and discussed with the CDAG members key components of the design phase, work plan and decision-making process.

DECISIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meeting Facilitator Brandy Steffen, from JLA Public Involvement, reviewed the charter and protocols that will help the group work effectively together. She performed a thumbs up or down exercise and asked the group if they agreed to adhere to the rules and expectations of the charter. The group unanimously agreed.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

NEXT STEPS AND HOMEWORK

There will be optional bridge tours on **Friday, September 29** and **Thursday, October 5, 2023**. The next CDAG meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26, 2023**, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CDAG members were asked to review project materials and draft evaluation criteria in preparation for future meetings.