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June 6, 2024

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 7 Summary

During this meeting, the Community Design Advisory Group (CDAG) continued discussions about the bridge types and design options. The Multnomah County project team and BEAM Architects answered questions about bridge types and shared details on the design options. Members discussed which bridge types should be shared with the greater community. The group came to the consensus to share six bridge types with a note that the community can decide between a long and short version for two of the arch types. The meeting was inperson 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 Gosset, 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 Neigh

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Ian Sieren, Community Member
Jackie Tate, Community Member
Jason Halstead, Community Member
Neil Jensen, Gresham Chamber of Commerce
Patrick Sullivan, SERA Architects
Robert Hastings, Willamette Light Brigade
Sarah Lazzaro, Community Member
Susan Lindsay, Buckman Neighborhood
Association

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

ABSENT

Paddy Tillett, Architect/Design Professional Sharon Wood Wortman, Historian Ed Wortman, Community Member

STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County Elizabeth Britell, Multnomah County Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed Cassie Davis, CD Consulting Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement Valentina Peng, JLA Public Involvement Steve Drahota, HDR (joined virtually)

ARCHITECT

Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects

PUBLIC

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



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SUMMARY

Cassie Davis substituted for Brandy Steffen as facilitator and started with introductions, agenda review and committee meeting protocols.

Design Phase Project Manager Megan Neill addressed CDAG members' questions from the last meeting and that were emailed to the project team. **Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects,** joined the conversation to address technical questions and bridge design.

CDAG Members shared their reactions, thoughts and additional questions. The group voted and reached consensus that the six overall bridge types should be shared with the public, and communicate to the public that two of the arch options can come in short or long variations. **County Transportation Public Information Officer Sarah Hurwitz** reviewed the project's upcoming summer outreach activities to encourage public participation in the online open house and survey. Hurwitz sought feedback on the online open house survey questions. Committee members shared feedback on how to refine the questions and requested promotional materials to share with their communities.

The meeting recording and materials are available at www.multco.us/earthquake-ready-burnside-bridge/community-design-advisory-group-meeting-materials

DECISIONS / COMMENTS

The group voted and reached consensus that the six overall bridge types should be shared with the public and communicate to the public that two of the arch options can come in short or long variations.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

NEXT STEPS / HOMEWORK

The next CDAG meeting will be in early August 2024.

County staff will follow up with materials and information requested by the CDAG members. This next set of CDAG meetings in August will review public input and CDAG members will work towards making a bridge type recommendation.