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# Community Design Advisory Group

## Meeting 8 Summary

The project team shared updates on the cost of the bridge options. Keith Brownlie from BEAM Architects provided preferences on design options and answered questions. The project team shared results from the online open house and survey. **Members reached 75% agreement to remove the Goalpost Tower and Braced Vertical Arch options.**

The meeting was held in-person at David Evans and Associates, in the Willamette Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The meeting was live-streamed and recorded.

### ATTENDEES

#### CDAG MEMBERS

Aaron Whelton, Portland State University  
Brian P. Kimura, Japanese American Museum of Oregon  
Carol Gossett, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry  
Gabe Rahe, Burnside Skatepark  
Guenevere Millius, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association  
Ian Sieren, Community Member  
Jason Halstead, Community Member  
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  
Valerie Schiller, Multnomah County Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

#### ABSENT

Anthony Jackson, Community Member  
Erik Swenson, Portland Saturday Market  
Fred Cooper, Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association & Native American Youth and Family Center  
Jackie Tate, Community Member

Neil Jensen, Gresham Chamber of Commerce  
Todd DeNeffe, Central Eastside Industrial Council

#### STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County  
Elizabeth Britell, Multnomah County  
Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County  
Emily Miletich, Multnomah County  
Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County  
Steve Drahota, HDR  
Cassie Davis, CD Consulting  
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement  
Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement  
Brenda Martin, EnviroIssues

#### ARCHITECT

Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects

#### PUBLIC

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

No members of the public signed in.



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## SUMMARY

**Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement**, started the meeting with meeting protocols and reminded members to use the guiding principles for consideration of the bridge type options that will be discussed during today's discussion.

**Emily Miletich, Multnomah County**, presented a cost update for the different bridge type options and answered questions about the delta range.

**Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects**, presented preferences on bridge types and key considerations, providing examples worldwide. Brownlie provided the architect's bridge type preferences.

**Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County**, presented on the summer outreach efforts and data from the public online open house and survey. The survey results revealed that the preferred bridge type among more than 19,000 participants was the Cable-Stay V-Tower, followed closely by the Tied Arch Basket-Handle and Unbraced Vertical Arch, followed by the Inverted Y.

**CDAG members** shared their reactions, thoughts and asked additional questions of the project team. The discussion included sharing preferences for Cable Stay or Tied Arch bridge types, cost comparisons and other bridge aesthetics as well as accessibility concerns. Members referred to the Guiding Principles document to guide their conversation and discussed removing two bridge options based on input from the survey results and architect feedback.

*The meeting recording and materials are available at:*

[www.multco.us/earthquake-ready-burnside-bridge/community-design-advisory-group-meeting-materials](http://www.multco.us/earthquake-ready-burnside-bridge/community-design-advisory-group-meeting-materials).

## DECISIONS / COMMENTS

The group reached agreement (75% of members present agreed) to remove the Goalpost Tower and Braced Vertical Arch options.

Next week's meeting will discuss the remaining four options. CDAG members will work towards making a bridge-type recommendation.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

## NEXT STEPS

The next CDAG meeting will be at the David Evans and Associates Office on August 8, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. County staff will follow up with materials and information requested by the CDAG members.