



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

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August 8, 2024

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 9 Summary

Community Design Advisory Group members continued the conversation from the previous week to reach a bridge type recommendation. The project team answered prior questions about the Eastbank Esplanade connection and provided public comments from the online survey. The team also reviewed the group's guiding principles document. BEAM and HDR staff answered technical questions. In a unanimous decision, the group voted to remove the Unbraced Vertical Arch option from further consideration.

The meeting was held in-person in the David Evans and Associates Willamette Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It 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
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
Jason Halstead, Community Member
Neil Jensen, Gresham Chamber of Commerce
Paddy Tillett, Architect/Design Professional
Patrick Sullivan, Community Member
Sharon Wood Wortman, Historian
Ed Wortman, Community Member
Susan Lindsay, Buckman Neighborhood Association
Valerie Schiller, Multnomah County Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee
Todd DeNeffe, Central Eastside Industrial Council

ABSENT

Anthony Jackson, Community Member
Robert Hastings, Willamette Light Brigade

STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County
Elizabeth Britell, Multnomah County
Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County
Emily Miletich, Multnomah County
Steve Drahota, HDR
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed
Cassie Davis, CD Consulting
Brenda Martin, EnviroIssues
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement
Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement
Jen Winslow, JLA Public Involvement

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, joined remotely and reviewed the agenda, safety and meeting protocols. She announced that member Sarah Lazzaro relocated outside Portland and stepped off the CDAG committee.

Megan Neill, Multnomah County, provided an update on the Eastbank Esplanade connection. The project team worked closely with the City for the last several years to find a solution but currently a ramp or elevator connection to the Eastbank Esplanade will not be part of this project. This connection could be added to the bridge as part of a future project. The project is still in conversations with the City of Portland about the future of the existing staircase.

Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed, reminded the members of the group's guiding principles including urban/site context, user experience, visual character, and aesthetics, as they related to the remaining options.

Brenda Martin, EnviroIssues, shared additional survey results, including public comments and key themes on the V-Tower and long vs. short arch options.

Brandy Steffen reminded CDAG members of the recommendation process and opened the discussion.

CDAG members continued discussing the bridge options. Members shared their preferences on the Cable Stay or Tied Arch options, emphasizing what influenced their decisions. Committee members mentioned overall project cost, maintenance, materials for the arch and the pedestrian/cyclist experience as important factors in their deliberations. The group discussed moving forward with removing one or more options from consideration.

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 reached a unanimous agreement to remove the Unbraced Vertical Arche option.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

NEXT STEPS

During next week's meeting the group will discuss the remaining three options and narrow down to a final bridge type recommendation.