

CONSULTING PARTIES ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Meeting Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual – MS Teams

Attendees: *(mark x for attendance in field to the left next to the name)*

	Chris Bailey, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community	X	Sarah Eastman-Flores, Oregon Dept. of Transportation
	Briece Edwards, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community	X	Bob Hadlow, Oregon Dept. of Transportation
	David Harrelson, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community	X	Hannah Mellor, Oregon Dept. of Transportation
	Peter Hatch, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	X	Roy Watters, Oregon Dept. of Transportation
	Buddy Lane, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	X	Sarah Jalving, State Historic Preservation Office
	Kirsten Lopez-Picklesimer, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation		Kurt Roedel, State Historic Preservation Office
	Lawrence Squiemphen III, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation		Tim Heron, Portland Permitting & Development, Historic Landmark Commission
	Austin Smith Jr., Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation		Hillary Adam, Portland Permitting & Development
	Casey Barney, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation		Brandon Spencer-Hartle, Portland Permitting & Development
	Gregg Kiona, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation		Laurie Jordon, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
	Jessica Lally, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	X	Steve Dotterrer, Architectural Heritage Center
	James Gordon, Cowlitz Indian Tribe		James Heuer, Architectural Heritage Center
X	Theresa Claxton, Federal Highway Administration		Nathan Holth, HistoricBridges.org
	Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Federal Highway Administration	X	Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
	Erin Parker, Federal Highway Administration		Brian Kimura, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
X	Thomas Parker, Federal Highway Administration		John Czarnecki, New Traditional Architecture
	Misty Thorsgard, Federal Highway Administration		Kim Moreland, Oregon Black Pioneers
	Kasey Miller, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation		Kerry Tymchuck, Oregon Historical Society
	Elaine Jackson-Retondo, National Park Service		Nicole Possert, Restore Oregon
	Christopher Johnson, National Park Service		Representative, Willamette Light Brigade
	Astrid Liverman, National Park Service		Ed Wortman, Author and Historian
			Sharon Wood Wortman, Author and Historian
			Stella Funk Butler, Gresham Coalition of Neighborhoods

	Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County		Kathy Fry, Design Team, HLB Lighting
X	J.R. Lilly, Tribal Liaison, Multnomah County	X	Jen Hughes, Design Team
X	Megan Neill, Multnomah County	X	Elizabeth Johnson, Design Team, HLB Lighting
	Jill Wolf, Multnomah County		Diane Mottiqua, Design Team, HLB Lighting
	Suzanne Carey, Owner's Representative, DEA		Jeramie Shane, Design Team, Mayer-Reed
X	Gigi Cooper, Owner's Representative, DEA	X	April Siebenaler, Design Team
X	James Hencke, Owner's Representative, DEA		Shannon Simms, Design Team, Mayer-Reed
X	Brandy Steffen, Design Team (Facilitator)		Rachel Spencer, Design Team, Mayer-Reed
X	Adam Alsobrook, Design Team, WCRA		Stacy Thomas, Design Team, HDR
X	Brian Bauman, Design Team, HDR	X	Christina Tomaselli, Design Team, HDR
	Steve Drahota, Design Team, HDR		

MEETING AGENDA

Agenda Topic	Presenter	Duration
Welcome and Roll Call	Roy, ODOT	5 min
Recap October 2025 Meeting	Megan, Multnomah County	2 min
Review of NEPA Re-Evaluation Process and Content	Megan, Multnomah County	20 min
Review Proposed Amendments to Charter	Jen Hughes, A&E Team	5 min
Review Proposed Restart Plan	Jen Hughes, A&E Team	5 min
Discussion	Brandy, A&E Team	10 min
Closing Remarks & Thank you	Roy, ODOT Bob, ODOT Megan, Multnomah County	5 min

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Roll Call

- Roy Watters (Oregon Department of Transportation [ODOT]) welcomed the group, conducted roll call, and reminded that the purpose of this group is to uphold the mitigations agreed to for the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement.

Recap October 2025 Meeting

- Megan Neill (Multnomah County) provided a summary of the topics covered at the last meeting including review of a list of Value Engineering (VE) design options.
- Once the project resumes, all design progression to date will need to be reviewed and validated by the future project team. This Advisory Group will reconvene once the project resumes.

Review of NEPA Re-Evaluation Process and Content

- NEPA Re-Evaluation is required as the design progression has resulted in modifications or clarifications of the NEPA assumptions. The process includes comparing impacts of each resource to the NEPA assumptions. Some of the changes are:
 - Straddle foundation, which will result in a need for vertical face on the inside of the piers as the new pier foundations will “straddle” over a portion of the existing pier. The existing piers will not be removed as low as originally proposed to save costs. Vertical flat surface on the inside of the navigation channel.
 - Reduced Pier 4 and Bent 21 demo limits, which will result in demo to ground level vs the original demo to 5 feet and 3 feet below the mudline.
 - Temporary Pile within the Willamette River.
 - Modify the In-water work window.
 - Modify counterweight demo removal method.
 - Changes to the detour route.
- ODOT/FHWA to review and approve NEPA Re-Evaluation Form Summer 2026. Completed form to be filed with the Project Files.

Review of Document Changes

- Jen Hughes (Design Team, Parametrix) provided an overview of the process for review of document changes.
- This Advisory Group can provide comments and feedback on the Charter Amendment and Restart Plan during this meeting or via email within 30 days. Feedback will be incorporated into the final versions and posted to the website.

Advisory Group Charter Addition with Project Close-out:

Explains project is delayed pending availability of federal funds and the Advisory Group is also on hold.

Restart will occur once construction funding and timing are more certain.

Advisory Group Charter Addition with Project Re-start:

Update the "Term" section to extend the end date for the Advisory Group.

Replace the current staff name with "Multnomah County Transportation public information officer".

Review Proposed Amendments to Charter

- Jen Hughes (Design Team, Parametrix) led the discussion of the proposed changes to the Advisory Group Charter.

Review Proposed Restart Plan

- Jen Hughes (Design Team, Parametrix) provided an overview of the anticipated restart plan including:

1. Review Phase (6 months to 1.5 years)

Purpose: Evaluate whether a PA amendment or additional Section 106 consultation is necessary.

Project Team will evaluate conditions, review Programmatic Agreement, and amend as needed. Amend the duration, which currently expires June 2033.

NEPA Re-Evaluation, required if:

- Three years have passed without acquiring ROW or undertaking final design
- Major project changes are proposed, including evaluation of cultural resources

Would include re-evaluation of cultural resources and consultation

Existing documentation will be re-evaluated, and there could be additional resources.

2. Reconvene Advisory Group Phase (2 to 3 months)

Purpose: Re-gather the Advisory Group and get oriented

Reach out to Advisory Group members to confirm individual members, conduct orientation, and schedule kick-off meeting.

3. Advisory Group Meeting Phase (1.5 to 2 years)

Purpose: Continue the Advisory Group role to provide input on implementing mitigation

Review roles, review past progress, provide project update and design status, update workplan, and proceed with work plan and remaining PA mitigation items.

- Next steps will be to review and provide comment on the draft documents by July 24, 2026. Email to: EQRB-Consulting-Parties@multco.us
- Final documents will incorporate feedback and will be shared via email and the website: <https://multco.us/info/consulting-parties-advisory-group-meeting-materials>

Discussion

- Steve Dotterer (Architectural Heritage Center) – during the down time, will it be possible to have discussions with the project team (for example with ideas for reusing the towers)?
 - Megan Neill (Multnomah County) – feel free to reach out to Multnomah County or the Consulting Parties email to document the option in the Project Record. Multnomah County is still actively working on the project to a limited extent and is also working with City of Portland on the Waterfront Park Redevelopment Plan.
 - Roy Watters (ODOT) – recommend using the Advisory Group email because it will be available to ODOT and the Design Team as well as Multnomah County.

Closing Remarks & Thank You

- Process: Comment during meeting or via email within 30 days. We will incorporate feedback into final versions and post to website.
- Megan Neill (Multnomah County) shared photos from the recent Burnside Centennial celebration honoring the bridge and thanked those who attended from this group.
- Key moments history panels were placed along the center line of the bridge.
- Love letters were submitted to the bridge, on-camera messages to the bridge.
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dc5f5a399c59403cac3b03363d9026a1>
- BurnsideTurns100.com
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/71c52db69e2e42369beeffe56ed3cfe7>
- Bob Hadlow (ODOT) noted that “The Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project’s Section 106 process is a great example of ‘Environmental Excellence.’ It included being proactive in engaging consulting parties in developing mitigation for the loss of the historic bridge, crafting an Archaeological Identification Monitoring and Treatment Plan that has set the standard for other projects, and organizing a Consulting Parties Advisory Group to help Multnomah County flesh out the mitigation stipulations called out in the project’s programmatic agreement.”
- Roy Watters (ODOT) noted the celebration was a great way to remind people of the bridge’s importance. Thanks to all for their time and participation.