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Community Design Advisory Group concludes two years of service with final meeting and celebration

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the project's Community Design Advisory Group met for its final meeting after serving more than two years on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. During this meeting, the committee reviewed updated lighting concepts for the new Burnside Bridge. The committee also had an opportunity to reflect on its time serving the project, sharing any insight for the future. Following its regular meeting agenda, the County honored the committee for its dedication and investment in this project with a special celebration. The group has played an important role in providing feedback from the community perspective on design aesthetics for the new Burnside Bridge. The group's thoughtful input helped balance technical considerations, public feedback and community values. Serving as community representatives, committee members consistently brought diverse perspectives and a deep commitment to ensuring the bridge reflects the needs of the region moving forward.



CDAG members at their final meeting.

Project advances to 60% design, construction date pushed back

While Multnomah County works to complete key design work for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project, the County will again push out the start of construction in light of ongoing uncertainty around the availability of federal funds.

Previously the County [announced construction would start in 2028](#); a new date has not yet been determined. The project in the meantime will reach what's called the 60% design milestone by summer 2026.

Completing this work will ensure the project is construction-ready. It's a proactive approach that will ensure the County is well-prepared to move quickly once the necessary federal funding becomes available. Receiving federal funding is a necessary step that will allow the project to bring family wage jobs to the region and improve seismic resiliency on a regional lifeline route.

Planning is underway for Burnside Bridge centennial celebration!

The Burnside Bridge is turning 100! As we approach this major milestone in summer 2026, we'll be rolling out updates on the celebration plans. Expect a lively community event with cake, entertainment and plenty of ways to honor a bridge that has connected Portland for a century.



Crowd at Burnside Bridge dedication ceremony, May 28, 1926. Source: [Oregon Historical Society Library](#), Reference number 371N3006

Goodbye for Now

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed and engaged with the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. Projects of this size and regional significance cannot be successful without community support, and we appreciate you. This is the project's final newsletter for the time being. We remain committed to this important regional project and will continue to pursue funding opportunities. Newsletters will resume once the project restarts, and we will share updates as new milestones or funding developments occur.

If you would like the project team to brief your organization, or you would like to book an appointment during their office hours, please submit a request to: burnsidebridge@multco.us

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