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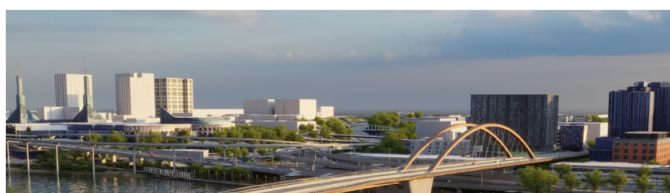
Weigh in on the Bridge Type Options - Online Survey is Live!

Multnomah County launched its online open house and survey asking for community feedback on the future look of the new Burnside Bridge. Be a part of this historic moment!

After many years of planning, the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project is now in the Design Phase where architects, engineers and contractors are working through key design decisions. The first decision milestone is to determine the bridge type for the east approach. After analysis on a broad range of options, the County refined the list to a range of bridge types for public consideration and input.

[Review the Options & Take the Survey](#)

(Example of a Cable Stay option)



(Example of a Tied Arch option)

After the comment period closes on July 31st, community feedback will be shared with the project's [Community Design Advisory Group](#) (CDAG) to help inform its recommendation on a bridge type. The project team will present the CDAG's recommendation and community input to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, who will ultimately make the final decision on the bridge type this fall.

Summer Outreach Events





During the public input period, the County will be hosting several summer outreach events, including the ones below, to get the community involved in the project and encourage participation in the survey. Join us at one of our upcoming events!

Webinars: July 9th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & July 11th, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

The project will host two webinars virtually from one of the Burnside Bridge operator towers. These will be virtual opportunities to learn about the project and range of bridge type options being considered for the future bridge. County project managers will be available to answer questions in real time. Register here:

July 9th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - [Register Here](#)

July 11th, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - [Register Here](#)

A night out at OMSI with the Burnside Bridge Team: July 11th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join project team members and community representatives at an interactive live panel discussion. Enjoy refreshments while you learn about the project and design options for the future Burnside Bridge.

[RSVP Here](#)

Location: OMSI's Theory Restaurant & Lounge, 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR

Breakfast on the Bridge: July 12th, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Come enjoy coffee and donuts while learning about the project and online survey. Drop by anytime between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Location: East end of the Burnside Bridge, where the westbound Couch couplet merges onto the Burnside Bridge, we'll be on the sidewalk (334 N.E. Couch Street, Portland, OR).

Portland Saturday Market: June 29th & July 13th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stop by the project booth to ask questions and learn about the project while checking out local art at the Portland Saturday Market.

Location: Tom McCall Waterfront Park under the Burnside Bridge, near the Portland Saturday Market information booth.

Community Design Advisory Group - Recent Discussions and Upcoming Meetings

The County assembled a group of 21 community members who represent a wide range of interests and backgrounds to make recommendations on the aesthetic features of the new bridge. The Community Design Advisory Group (CDAG) began meeting in late 2023 and will continue through early 2025.

So far, the group has worked to assemble a set of [Guiding Principles](#) that will help steer its recommendations. The Guiding Principles reflect community values and interests as it relates to form and aesthetics of the future bridge. It is one tool the committee will use to help make recommendations.

The CDAG will review and consider results from the public [online survey](#), community briefings and other summer engagement events to help inform its recommendation. After the online open house and survey closes on July 31st, the CDAG will jump back into its work with a series of meetings throughout August. Utilizing public input, technical information and the group's Guiding Principles, the committee will make a recommendation to the project team on the bridge type for the east approach. The project team will present the CDAG's recommendation

and community input to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, who will ultimately make the final decision on the bridge type this fall.

CDAG meetings are typically in-person at the Multnomah Building, are open to the public and are live-streamed and recorded. A public comment period is reserved for public input at each meeting. To learn more about the CDAG, visit the [project website](#). All materials and past recordings can be found [here](#).



(Community Design Advisory Group meeting.)

Stay Involved

Public participation is an essential part of a successful project. We hope you will participate in one of our summer outreach events or provide input in the [online open house and survey](#) during the month of July.

There are many ways to follow the project and stay engaged. We encourage you to regularly check the [website](#), [sign-up](#) for newsletters or [watch CDAG meetings](#).

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.

[Join the Email List](#)

In the News!

[KOIN](#): “Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project moves to design phase” quotes Design Phase Project Manager Megan Neill.

[Daily Journal of Commerce](#): “Burnside Bridge replacement project enters design phase” cites Multnomah County.

[County Communications release](#): “Public invited to attend Community Design Advisory Group meeting for Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.”

[The Advocate](#): “Reconstructing Burnside Bridge to be Earthquake Ready” quotes Construction Phase Project Manager Emily Miletich.

[KGW](#): “KGW Top Stories: 11 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024” quotes Construction Phase Project Manager Emily Miletich.

[Portland Tribune](#): “Baltimore bridge collapse highlights Portland bridge safety problems” quotes Transportation Division Director Jon Henrichsen; references Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

[DJC Oregon](#): “\$447M grant sought for Burnside Bridge replacement project” references the Board of County Commissioners and the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

[County Communications release](#): “Public invited to attend Community Design Advisory Group meeting for Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project”

mentions the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

[KPTV](#): “Public asked for input on Burnside Bridge redesign” references the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project Team.

[County Communications release](#): “Public invited to attend Community Design Advisory Group meeting for Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project”

[KGW](#): “Drilling near Burnside Bridge signals construction on replacement is a few years away” quotes Multnomah County Transportation Public Information Officer Sarah Hurwitz.

[County Communications release](#): “Crews to collect soil samples as part of Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.”

Fun Fact: Did you know?

The first Burnside Bridge was built in 1894 and was a swing-span truss bridge made of wrought iron and steel. It was replaced in 1926 with the current Burnside Bridge. Approach girders from the 1894 bridge were recycled into the design of the original Sellwood Bridge. Also, two spans of the original Burnside Bridge were eventually relocated to Clackamas County where they were incorporated into bridges spanning the Sandy and Bull Run River. This approach to saving money by recycling bridge parts was not uncommon at the time. Keeping with the trend, when the project builds the new Burnside Bridge, the project team will look for ways to salvage materials from the 1926 bridge.



(1894 Burnside Bridge, courtesy of Oregon Historical Society)



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