

Earthquake Ready Bridge (EQRB) - Community Design Advisory Group (CDAG) update

- Our last CDAG meeting was **Nov. 16** for the committee to **give feedback on the Evaluation Criteria** which had been developed by a prior committee.
- The committee was divided into four stations to represent the four designated categories of the criteria:
 - 1) Urban/Site Context and Experience – On-bridge experience and Below-bridge experience
 - 2) Urban/Site Context and Experience – Urban context with surroundings and Pedestrian & Cyclist connectivity
 - 3) Visual and Aesthetics of the Bridge – Bridge Visual Coherence, Bridge Form & Style
 - 4) Visual and Aesthetics of the Bridge – Bridge Aspirations and Design Flexibility



What Happened...

- We were told in advance to “do homework” and prep feedback on the criteria.
- We were pre-assigned groups and stations.
- Each station had a staff member writing down feedback from the committee based on that station’s category.

My Feedback...

- It was unclear in advance that we would have to sort our feedback into these categories.
- Some stations were allocated more or less time per person to give feedback.
- The categories themselves pre-determined the kind of feedback the staff was asking for.



What Happened...

- All stations involved similar feedback from me.
- Pedestrian and bicyclist issues are at the bottom of *one* of the categories.
- We left off an entire category of the criteria: **Cost and Construction Impacts**.
- We were told in advance that an Evaluation Criteria does not rank values or priorities but rather intends to *discuss* them only.

My Feedback...

- The categories overlap and prioritize the “view” or “tour” over the function of the bridge.
- The Evaluation Criteria need to be centered around *the user* and the everyday travel experience rather than what feels like textbook urban planning and engineering concepts. The *subject* should stand out over the object.
- The categories need to be reorganized.
- Our “hard decisions” that will come down to cost mean we are going to be prioritizing some values over others.