



Stark Street Bridge Replacement Project

EMCTC
Project Briefing

September 14th, 2026

Multnomah County
Department of Community Services
Transportation Division



Last We Met // May 2026

- Provided overview of project
 - Purpose and need
 - Location and context
 - Existing conditions
 - Current safety issues
 - Recent emergency repair project
- Sharing community input opportunity



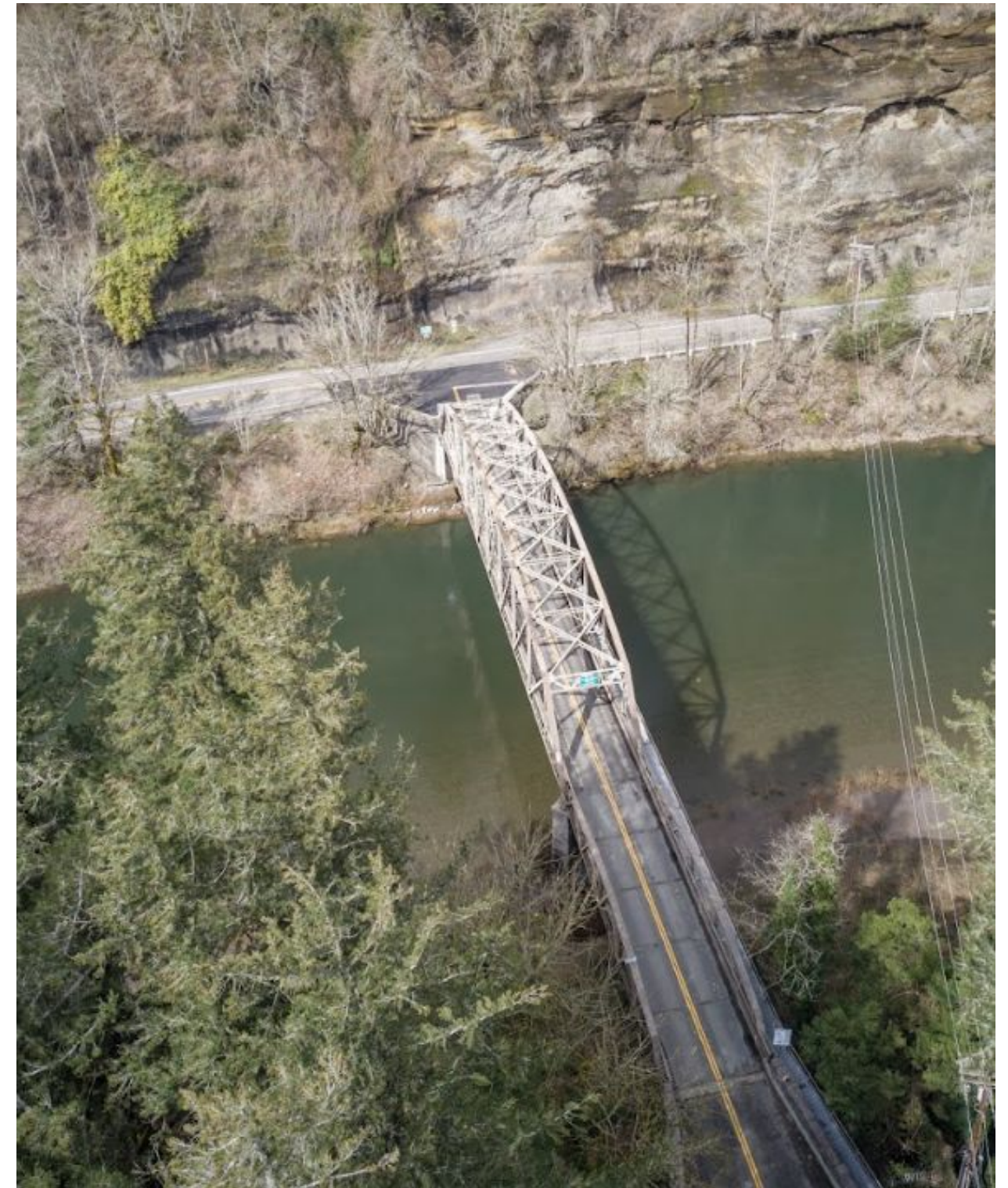
Today's Agenda

- Review Spring public outreach & survey results
- Provide overview of draft recommended design option and key findings
- Share upcoming community input opportunity



Purpose and Need

- Constructed in 1914
- Bridge no longer meets current design standards to safely accommodate today's users
- Bridge does not meet current load-carrying requirements
- Project intends to build a resilient crossing of the Sandy River that is structurally sound, low-maintenance and safe for all users



Current Schedule

- ☑ **Fall/Spring 2026** // Project initiation and community outreach
- ☑ **Spring 2026** // Develop and evaluate range of alternatives
 - **Summer 2026** // Share draft recommended design option and seek community feedback
 - **Fall/Winter 2027** // Finalize recommended design option and complete environmental review process

Pending Funding

- *Design Phase (2028-2030)*
- *Construction (2031-2033)*

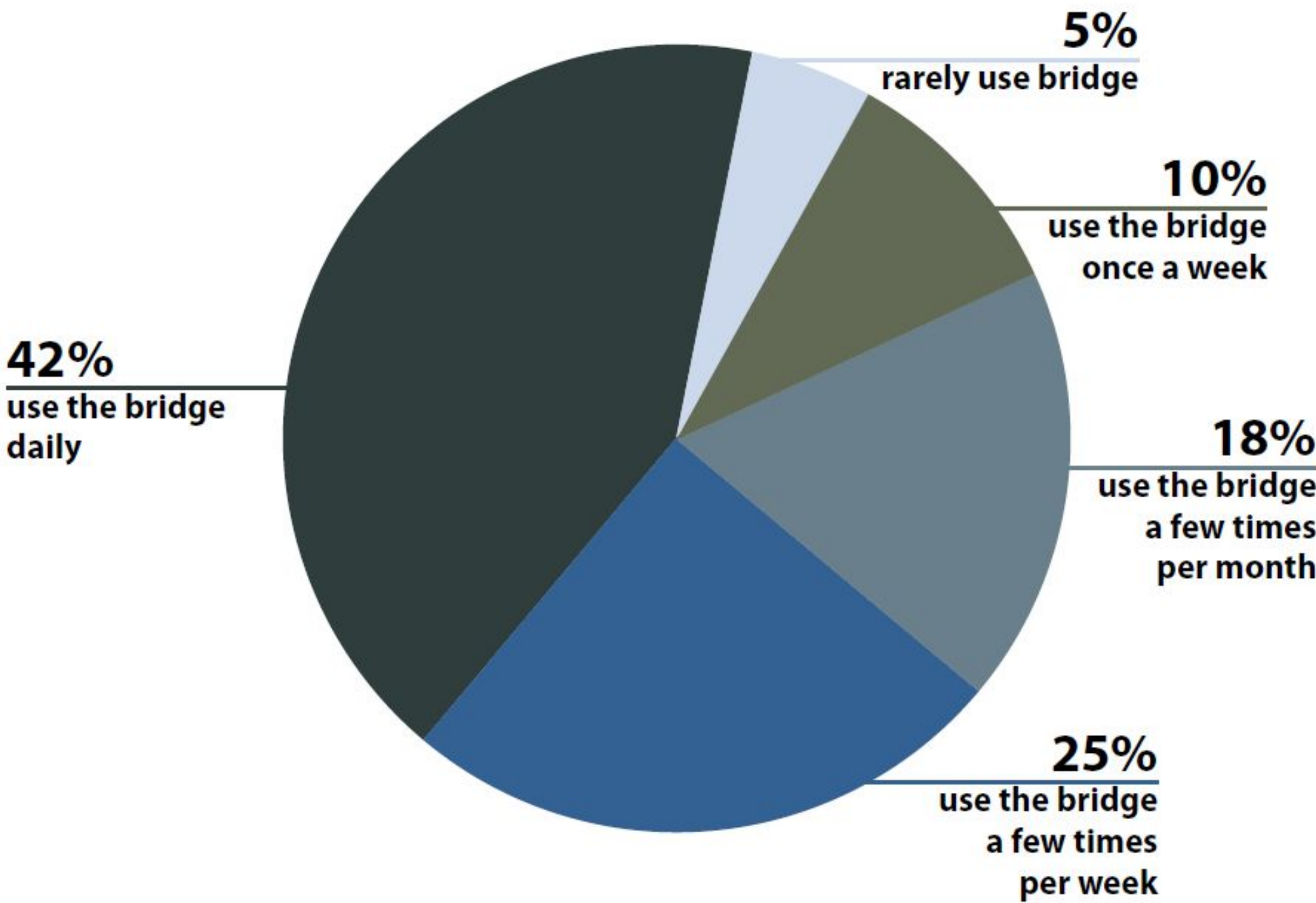
Since We Last Met // Spring Public Outreach

- Troutdale City Council
- Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission
- Troutdale Community Advisory Committee
- Multnomah County Bike Ped Committee
- Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee
- Friends of Historic Columbia River Highway
- Corbett Monthly Coordination Meeting
- Gresham Vance Park Juneteenth event
- Troutdale Historical Society event
- Wood Village Night Out
- Fairview Summerfest
- Troutdale First Friday



Since We Last Met // Spring Survey Results

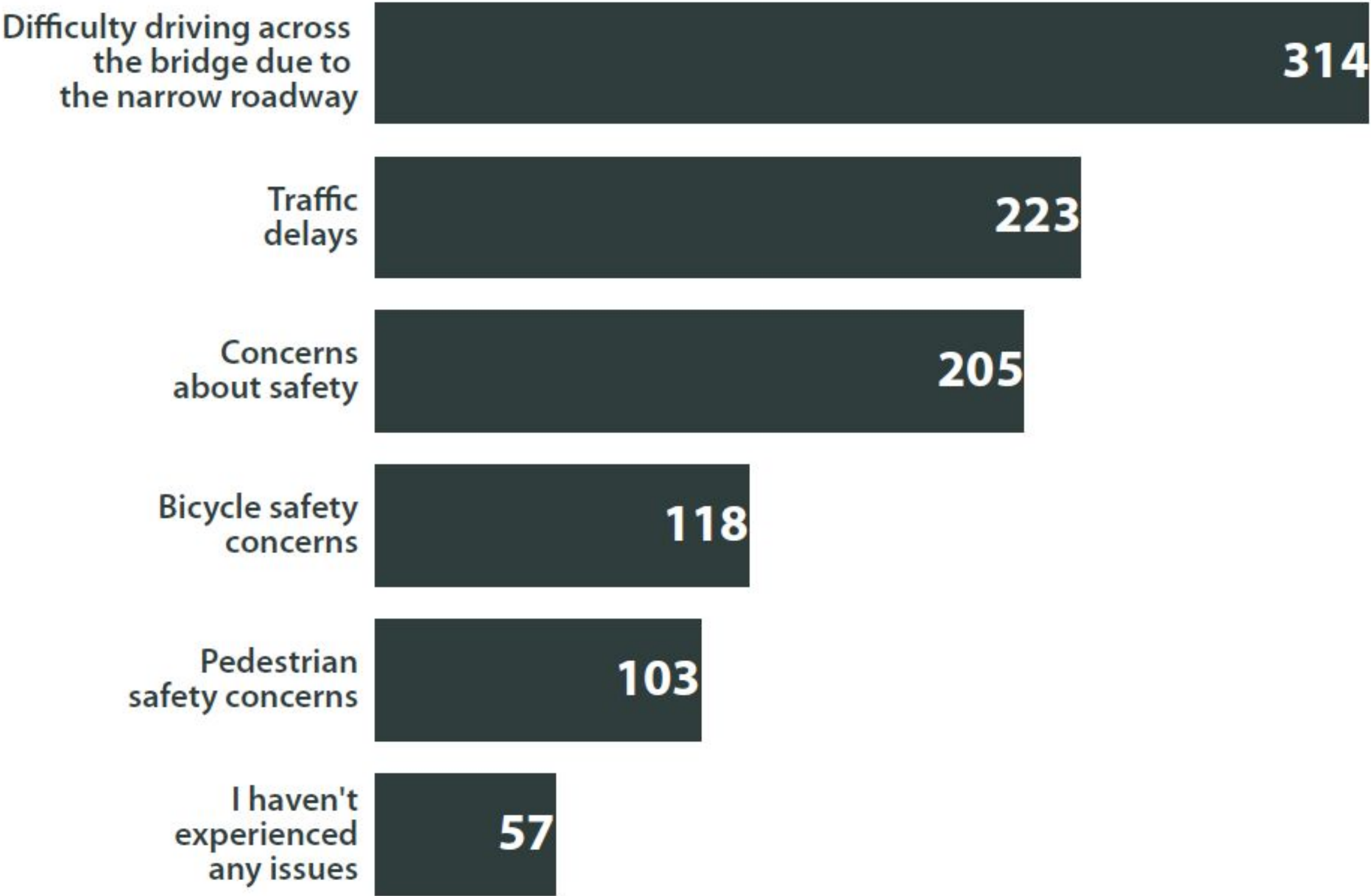
- Approximately 450 survey responses
- 77% use the bridge at least once a week



**Stark Street
Bridge Usage**

Since We Last Met // Spring Survey Results

They shared their experiences traveling on the bridge



Draft Recommended Design Option // Overview

Based on the feedback from the community and key findings from our historic baseline review of the existing bridge, the County recommends:

- **Preserving the existing bridge and building a new seismically-resilient bridge downstream**

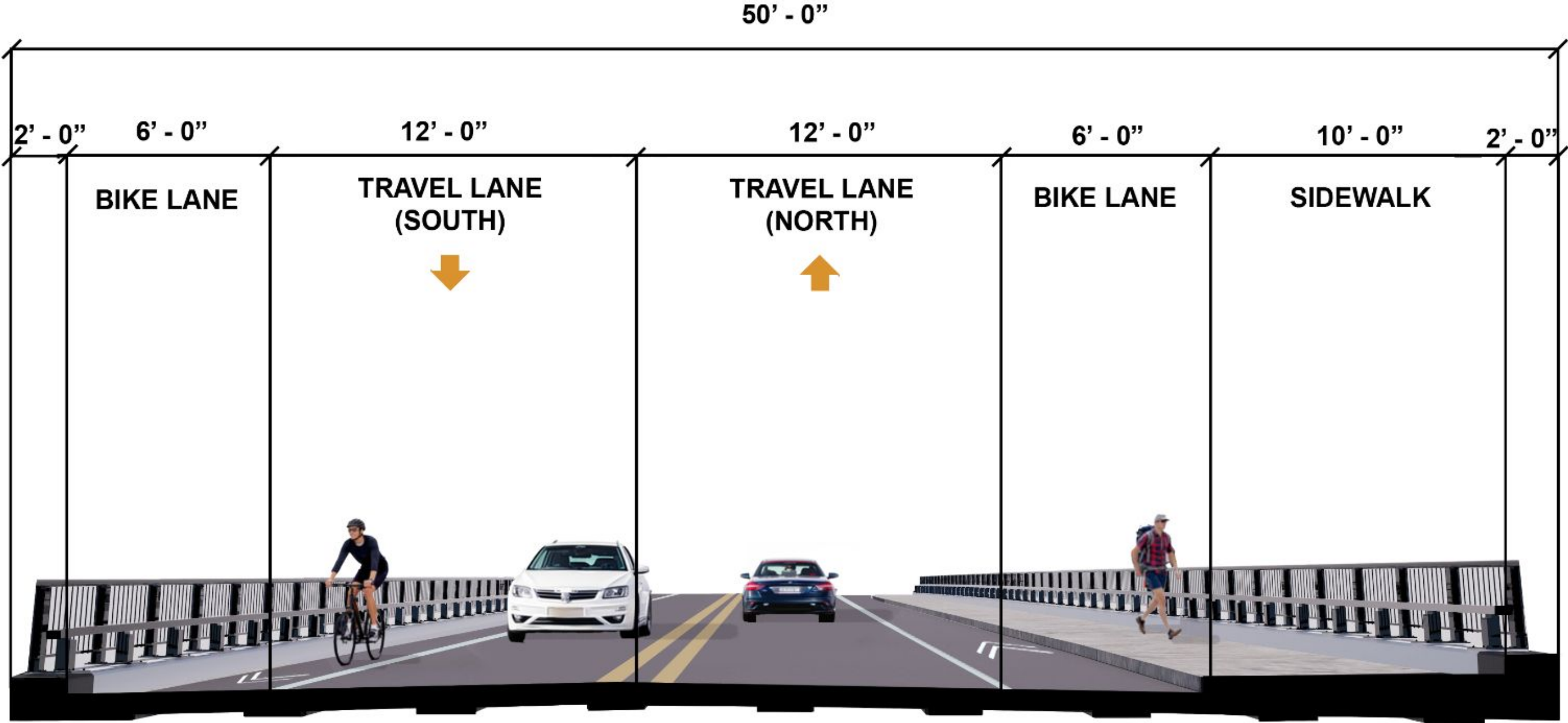


Image of proposed concept adjacent to existing bridge looking Northeast

Draft Recommended Design Option // Rationale

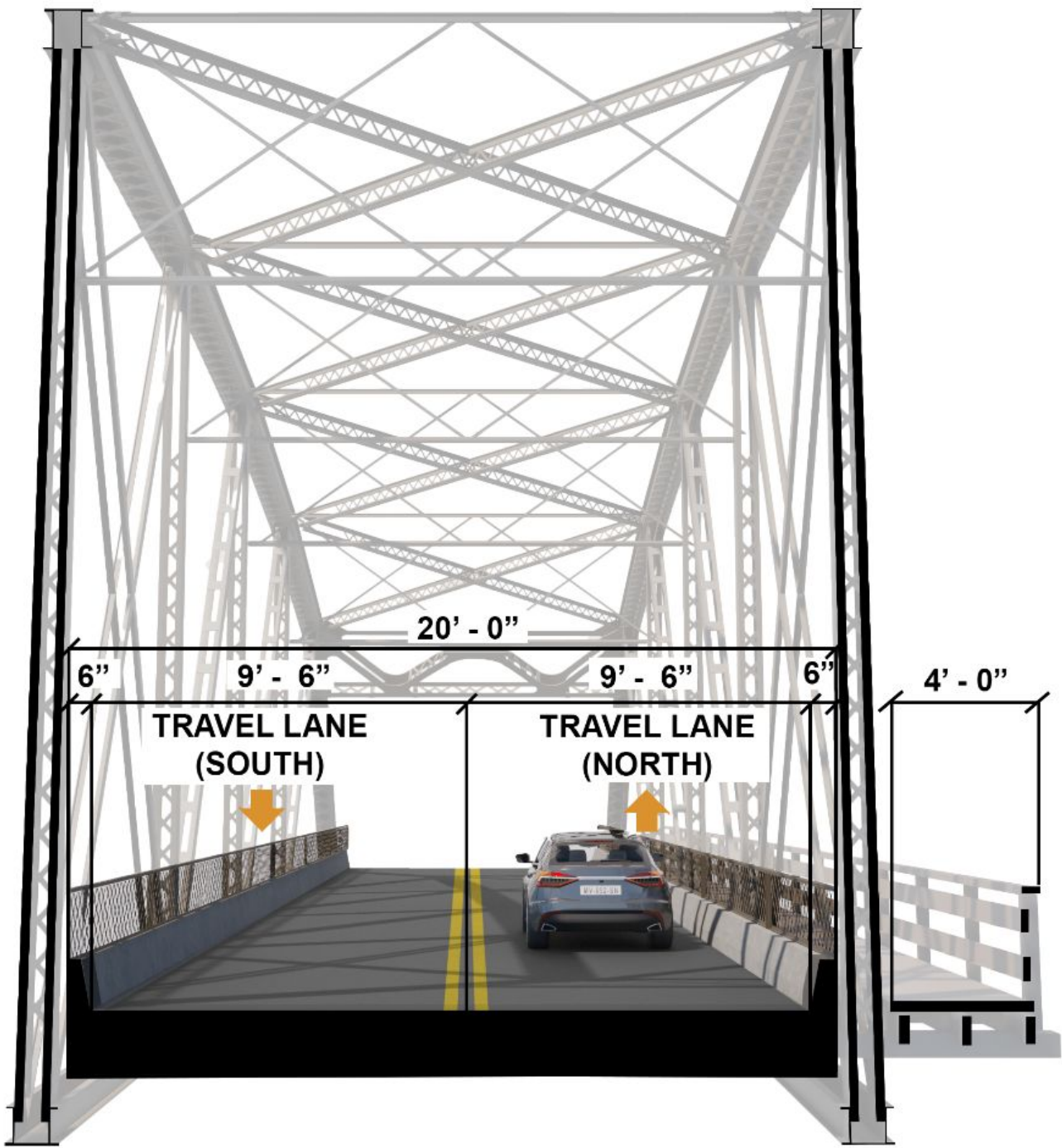
- The County understands the community has a **strong connection** to the Stark Street Bridge and values the community's voice. The recommended option **reflects what we heard** from initial public outreach, which included **strong support to preserve the existing bridge**
- The existing bridge would be **open to cyclist and pedestrian traffic, avoiding impact to this historic resource**, while providing an opportunity to still take in the beauty of the area

Draft Recommended Design Option // Roadway



Proposed new bridge cross-section, 30 feet wider than existing bridge

Draft Recommended Design Option // Roadway



Existing bridge cross-section

Draft Recommended Design Option // Renderings



Image of proposed new bridge looking north

Draft Recommended Design Option // Renderings



Aerial view of proposed new bridge adjacent to existing bridge

Draft Recommended Design Option // Renderings



Image of proposed new bridge looking east

Draft Recommended Design Option // Renderings



Image of proposed new bridge from the Sandy River looking west

Evaluation of Range of Options // Key Findings

Options that did not meet project purpose and need:

- Doing nothing
- Retrofitting the existing bridge
- Building a new bridge at a different location across the Sandy River



Source: Oregon Historical Society Research Library, Gifford 6509, Photo File #271-A

Evaluation of Range of Options // Key Findings

Options that best met project goals and community needs:

- **Demolish** the existing bridge and construct a new, wider bridge on the same alignment
- **Preserve** the existing bridge and **construct a new, wider bridge** for all users next to the existing bridge



Source: Angelus Studio photographs, 1880s-1940s, University of Oregon.

Evaluation of Range of Options // Key Findings

Historic Baseline Study Key Findings:

- Because the existing bridge is **eligible** for the National Historic Register and a **contributing** resource to the Historic Columbia River Highway District it **would be highly unlikely that the County would receive Federal Highways approval to demolish the existing bridge**



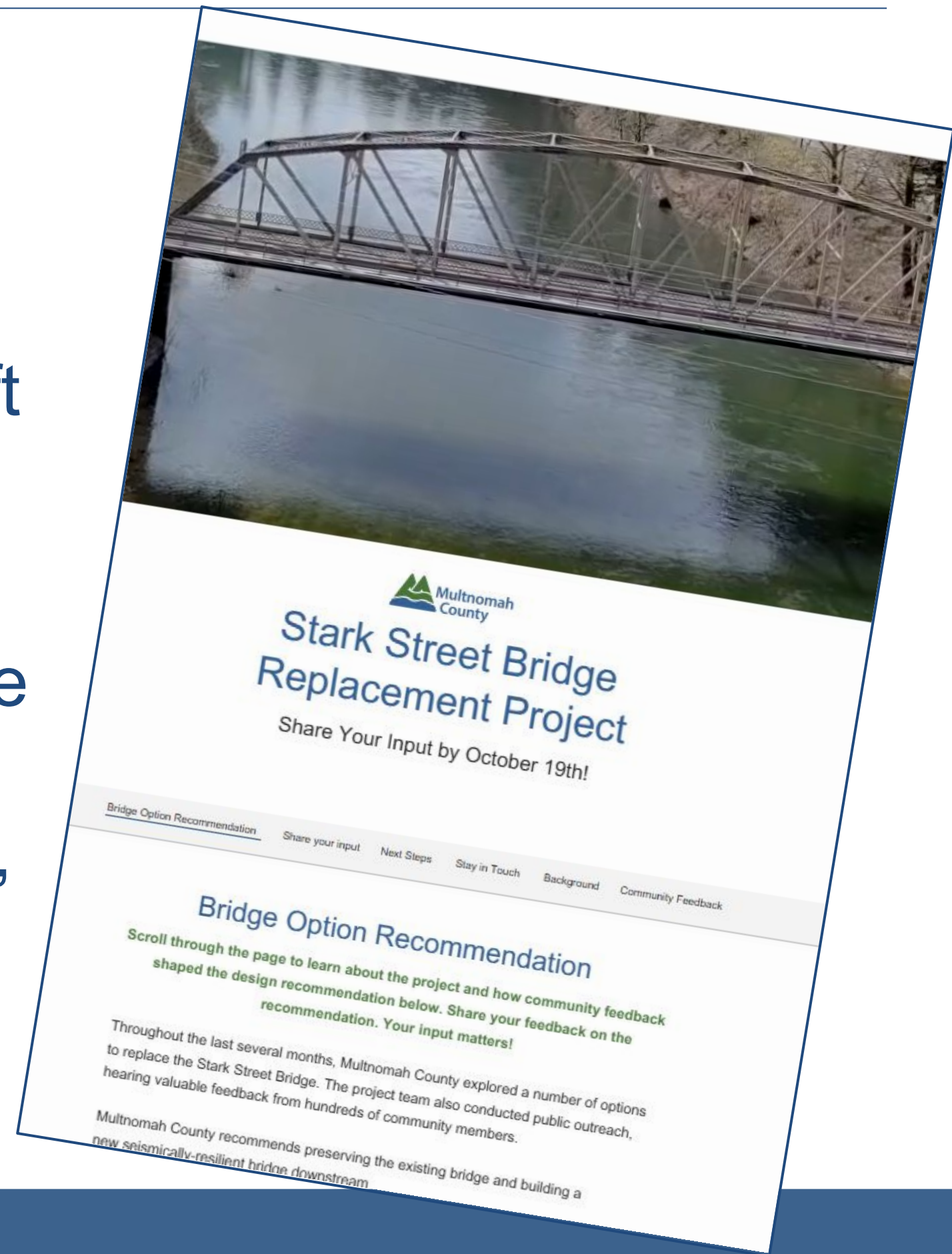
Conclusion:

Preserving the existing bridge and constructing a new bridge downstream is the most reasonable and feasible option that meets the project's purpose and need

Upcoming Community Feedback Opportunity

Online open house & survey

- Launching late August through Mid-October
- Share information about the draft recommended design option
- Collect feedback
- Engage the community via online and in-person open house, virtual webinar, briefings, tabling, newsletter and social media outreach



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Funding Opportunities for Design & Construction

- FY27 Congressional Appropriation - *pending*
- FY26 USDOT Bridge Investment Program Grant - *pending*
- FY24-26 USDOT PROTECT Grant - *application due October 2026*



Next Steps

- Review community feedback on draft recommended design option
- Finalize recommended design option
- Complete the environmental review process (Spring 2027)
- Continue to pursue funding opportunities for future phases as they arise
- Continue to raise awareness around the importance of this critical rural east County project



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Thank you!

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