



Senior Agency Staff Group Meeting #10

Department of Community Services
Transportation Division

October 18, 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Project Update
3. Summer/Fall Outreach
4. Joint-Agency Criteria and Measures Workshop
5. Policy Group Meeting Agenda Review
6. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps



Project Update

Since we last met...

Working/Focus Groups

- Constructability/Estimating
- Multi-Modal/Transportation
- Seismic Design Criteria

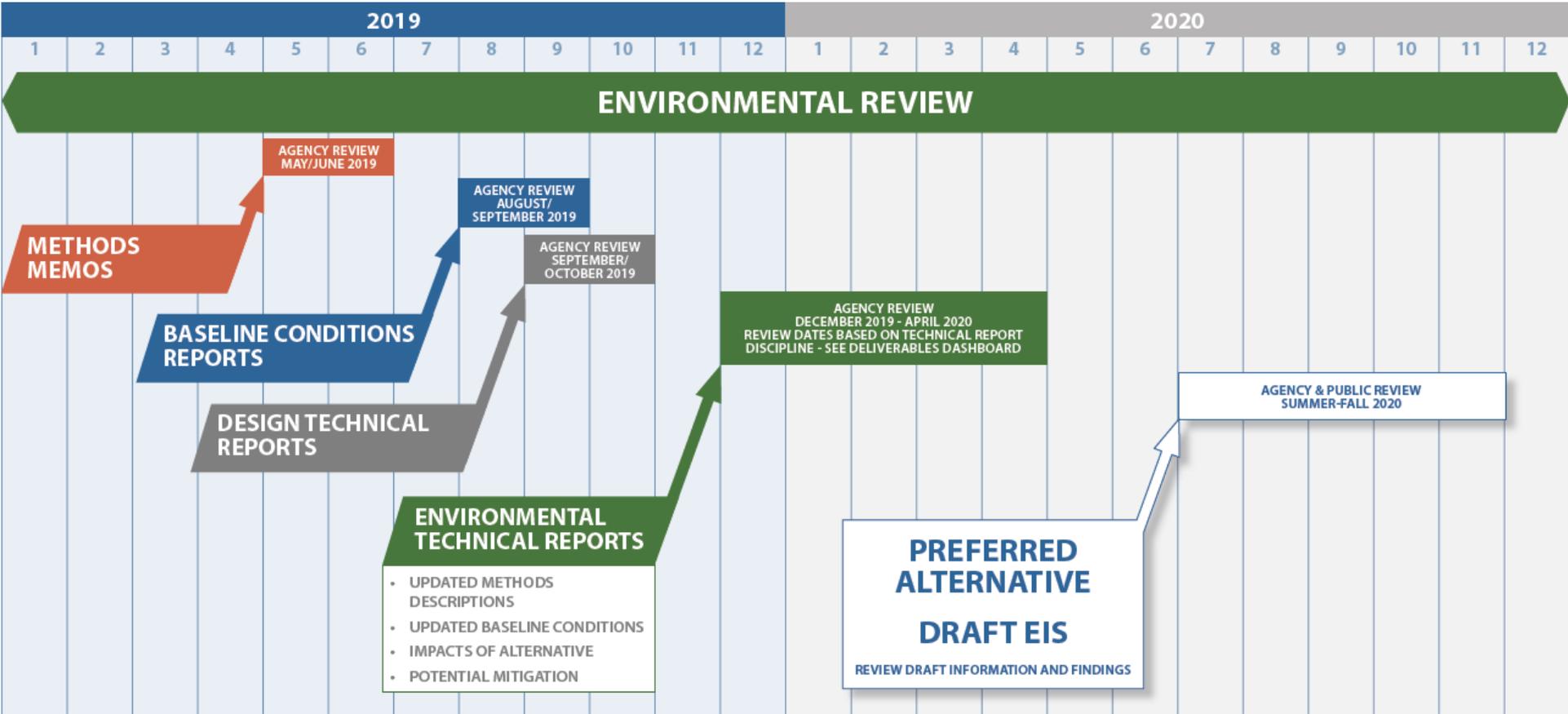
Cross Sections

Stakeholder Briefings



Project Update

Reports for Agency Review



Summer/Fall Outreach

Key Engagement Activities

Briefings

- 20 directly impacted stakeholders
- 31 community/agency organizations

Multi-Lingual Outreach

- 6 focus groups (*Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Spanish and Japanese*)
- 182 participants

Tabling

- 4 events

Online Open House and Survey

- > 2,300 unique visits
- > 800 survey responses

Social Media

- 31 posts and 2 sponsored posts

E-newsletters and News Release

- 2 e-newsletters
- 2 news releases



Bridge Alternatives

> 80% agree the High Fixed Bridge alternative should not move forward

- **Retrofit** – utilize existing bridge; lower cost
- **In-kind replacement** – more street space for all users (emphasis on cyclists and pedestrians); smaller footprint compared to Couch Connection
- **Couch Connection** – improves the current, tight S-curve
- **High Fixed** – too long, tall and expensive; massive construction disruption and impact on local community, access and livability
- Provide for current and future **active and public transportation**
- **Safety** for all travelers
- **Cost** and impact to local economy
- **Traffic** and accommodating future growth
- Consider the **natural and built environment** by using existing bridge



Early Results – Key Themes

Street Space

- Protected facilities for cyclists and pedestrians was one of the most frequent themes
- Some said to limit space for private vehicles, provide bus only lanes in both directions
- Add width for bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Cost – some said motorists shouldn't pay for bike and pedestrian facilities
- Replacement alternatives provide opportunity for more space and physical protection

“The motorized traffic lanes should set aside dedicated lanes for transit which carries far more people.”

“Replacement alternatives looks best. I like the division of cars and people.”

“More width requested to accommodate grade-separated bike lanes. This will encourage biking and walking, especially for the 2035 Plan.”



Summer/Fall Outreach

Early Results – Key Themes

Traffic management

- Impacts to pedestrians, cyclists and transit
- Consider transit-only bridge
- Save time and money, detour to other bridges
- Temporary bridge seems necessary, concern for traffic impacts

“I know it's a pain when past Bridges were shut down, thinking back to the Hawthorne, but I still think that's a better alternative to adding \$100mil to the project cost.”

“A temporary bridge is probably necessary. A temporary bridge must accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.”



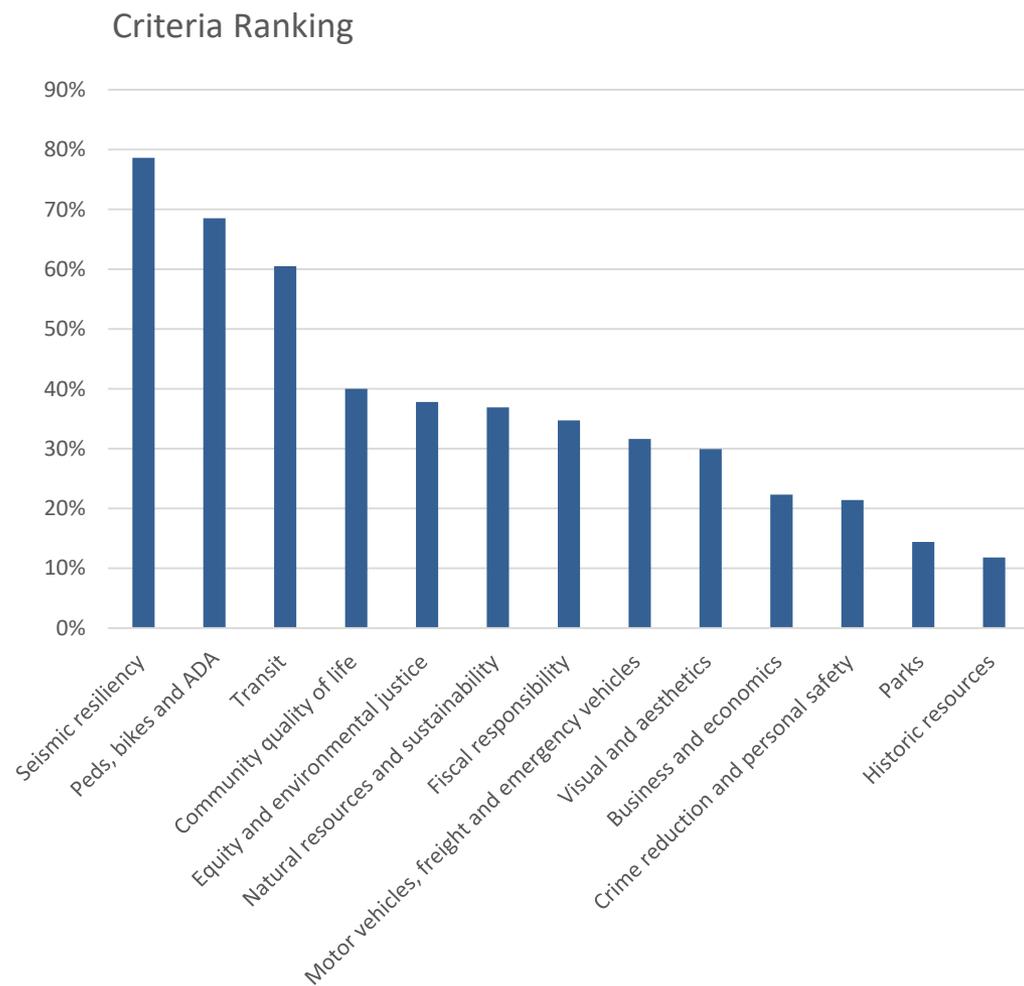
Summer/Fall Outreach

Early Results – Key Themes

Draft Criteria

Which criteria topics are of most importance to you (chose top five)?

- **Seismic Resiliency**
- **Peds, Bikes, and ADA**
- **Transit**
- **Community Quality of life**
- **Equity and Environmental Justice**
- **Natural Resources and Sustainability**



Summer/Fall Outreach

Early Results – Key Themes

Draft Criteria

> 80% agree with the draft evaluation criteria

Topics that came up the most:

1. Bike/Ped/ADA
2. Motor vehicles
3. Transit
4. Natural resources and sustainability
5. Process
6. Visuals and aesthetics
7. Parks
8. Fiscal responsibility
9. Equity/EJ
10. Crime reduction and personal safety
11. Seismic resiliency
12. Historic resources

Transit: “The criterion regarding transit does not seem to reflect the need to enhance transit services. The term “access,” is very weak. Words like “efficiency” and “convenient” convey a stronger value toward transit.”

Process: “Seems like a lot, are they all priorities and how are they weighted?”

Seismic: “How long has Portland had bridges? How many times during their existence have Portland bridges been damaged by earthquakes of any size? How can we be even relatively sure that a new “seismically safe” bridge wouldn't also fail during a major earthquake?”

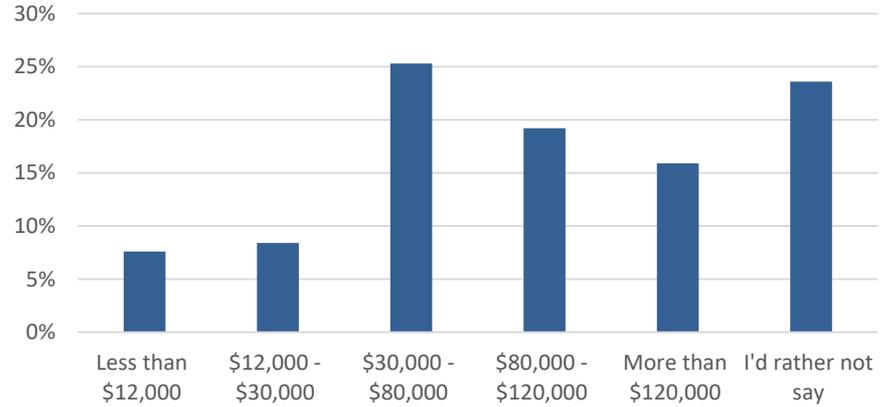


Demographics

Travel mode of survey participants

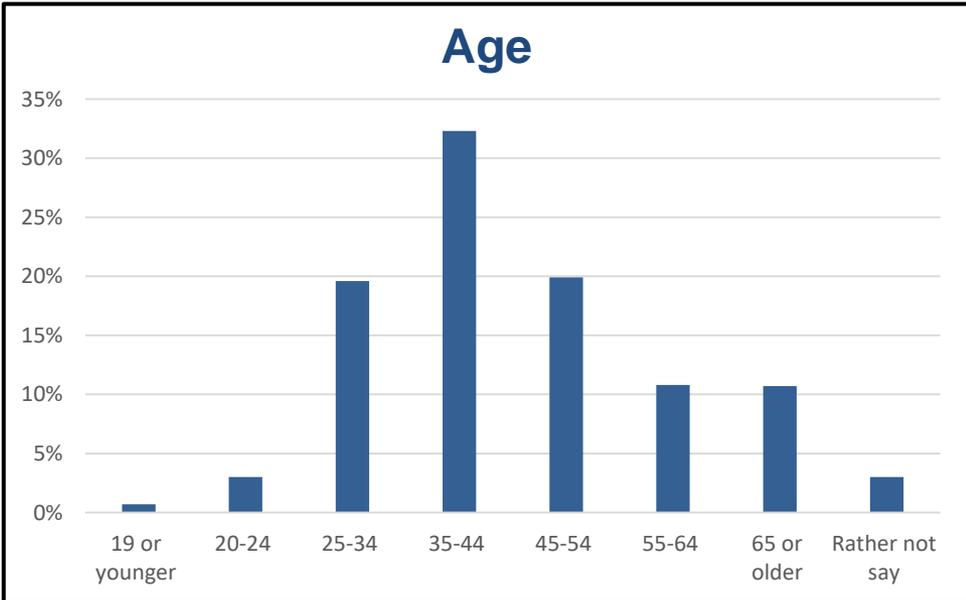
- Driving **46%**
- Biking **22%**
- Transit **15%**
- Walking **10%**

Household Income



Demographics

- ### Race/ethnicity of survey participants
- White/Caucasian **63%**
 - Asian or Pacific Islander **15%**
 - Hispanic or Latino **9%**
 - Multi-ethnic **4%**
 - Black or African American **3%**
 - American Indian or Alaska Native **1%**



Key Themes and Recommendations

- Seismic Resiliency
- Community Quality of Life
- Equity & Environmental Justice
- Crime Reduction and Personal Safety
- Business & Economics
- Park and Recreation Resources
- Historic Resources
- Visual & Aesthetics
- Natural Resources, Climate Change & Sustainability
- Pedestrians, Bicyclists & People with Disabilities
- Motor Vehicles, Freight & Emergency Vehicles
- Transit
- Fiscal Responsibility



Policy Group Meeting

Agenda Review

Time	Session	Presenter/Lead
3:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Allison Brown
3:05 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Chair Kafoury, Co-Chair Vega Pederson
3:10 p.m.	Public Comment <i>Meeting observers are welcome to provide comment at this meeting. Time limits will be determined by number of people desiring to make comment.</i>	Allison Brown
3:30 p.m.	Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working / Focus Groups - Stakeholder Briefings - Upcoming Board of County Commissioners Meeting - Issuing Notice of Intent and Formal Scoping 	Heather Catron Mike Pullen
3:40 p.m.	Summer/Fall Outreach – What We Heard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Activities - What We Heard - Who We Heard From - Next Steps and Winter Outreach 	Mike Pullen Cassie Davis
3:55 p.m.	Alternatives Refinement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Range of Alternatives for Study and Associated Cross Sections - Traffic Management Options <i>Policy Group Approval:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Range of Alternatives moving forward with associated cross sections and traffic management options for study</i> 	Steve Drahota Allison Brown
4:30 p.m.	Evaluation Criteria Update and Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CTF Development and Agency Review <i>Policy Group Approval:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Evaluation Criteria to Select a Preferred Alternative</i> 	Jeff Heilman Allison Brown
4:50 p.m.	Next Steps and Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Committee Meetings 	Allison Brown
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	All



Meetings and Next Steps

Upcoming

- CTF – Oct. 21
- Policy Group – Oct. 28
- Board of County Commissioners – Nov. 14
- Issue Notice of Intent and Formal Scoping – Nov. 2019
- City Council – TBD (December)

Next Round of Committee Meetings

- CTF – Dec. 2019 – *if needed*
- SASG – Jan. 2020
- CTF – Feb. 2020
- PG – Jul. 2020



Thank you!

