



Policy Group Meeting

Department of Community Services
Transportation Division

April 26, 2018

Agenda

1. Project Update
2. Project Milestones
3. Options Evaluation
4. Next Steps
5. Public Comment
6. Closing Remarks



1. Project Update

Stakeholder Briefings



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Committee Meetings



➤ Senior Agency Staff Group

- April 4, 2017
- July 14, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- April 11, 2018

➤ Stakeholder Representative Group

- April 17, 2017
- July 27, 2017
- January 30, 2018
- April 16, 2018

1. Project Update

Public Outreach

Red Cross / KGW Keeping You Safe

“Prepare Out Loud”



September 2017



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Public Outreach

Multnomah County Podcasts – Project Spotlight



The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for 'MultCo Bridges' (@MultCoBridges). The profile header includes the Multnomah County Bridges logo, the name 'MultCo Bridges', and the handle '@MultCoBridges'. Below the name is the tagline 'Connecting Commerce and Community', the location 'Portland, OR', a website link 'tinyurl.com/multcobridges', and the date 'Joined May 2009'. There are 109 photos and videos in the profile gallery. The main content is a tweet from 'MultCo Bridges' (@MultCoBridges) posted 24 hours ago. The tweet text reads: 'BizTribCast - @MultCo bridge engineer Megan Neill talks about Burnside Bridge projects with Pamplin Media Group via #soundcloud'. The tweet includes a video player for a SoundCloud audio recording titled 'BizTribCast - Megan Neill talks about the Bur...'. The video player shows a play button and a progress bar. The background of the tweet is a photograph of the Burnside Bridge in Portland, Oregon, with one of its towers raised.

December 2017



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Public Outreach

New Factsheet



Multnomah County is working to create an earthquake-safe Willamette River crossing



BETTER. SAFER. CONNECTED.

Portland's aging downtown bridges are not expected to withstand a major earthquake. That is why Multnomah County is taking the lead on making at least one earthquake ready. Located in the heart of downtown, the Burnside Bridge is a regionally established lifeline route across the Willamette River. Lifeline routes are important because they:

- ▶ Help firetrucks, ambulances, and police cars respond in an emergency
- ▶ Reunite family and loved ones
- ▶ Help our economy recover

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

Since 1926, the Burnside Bridge has served us well. To take us across the river for another 100 years, it needs an upgrade. Over the next several years, Multnomah County will evaluate options for creating a resilient Burnside crossing that will withstand a major earthquake.

The first step is to narrow a long list of over 100 options through a screening process to arrive at a short list of recommended options to be evaluated in more detail in a later phase.



HOW ARE THE OPTIONS BEING NARROWED?

Multnomah County has considered more than 100 river crossing options on the Burnside lifeline route. These options are undergoing an extensive screening process to make sure they meet requirements for a reliable river crossing after a major earthquake.



an earthquake-safe crossing in place, so we must work



by Burnside Bridge project. It also shows the current and working for another 15–20 years.

BURNSIDEBRIDGE.ORG



FOLLOW THE PROJECT ON TWITTER:
@MultCoBridges, #ReadyBurnside

VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE TO:

- Sign up for updates.
- Request a presentation for your community or business group.
- Learn about upcoming meetings, events and other ways to provide input.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Multnomah County is working with regional partners and the community to narrow crossing options with this planning process. Tell us what we should consider as we plan for an earthquake-resilient crossing.



Weigh in at community events and via online surveys.



Request a project briefing for your organization.



Attend an upcoming committee meeting.

Find out more about these opportunities at
BurnsideBridge.org



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Portland Saturday Market



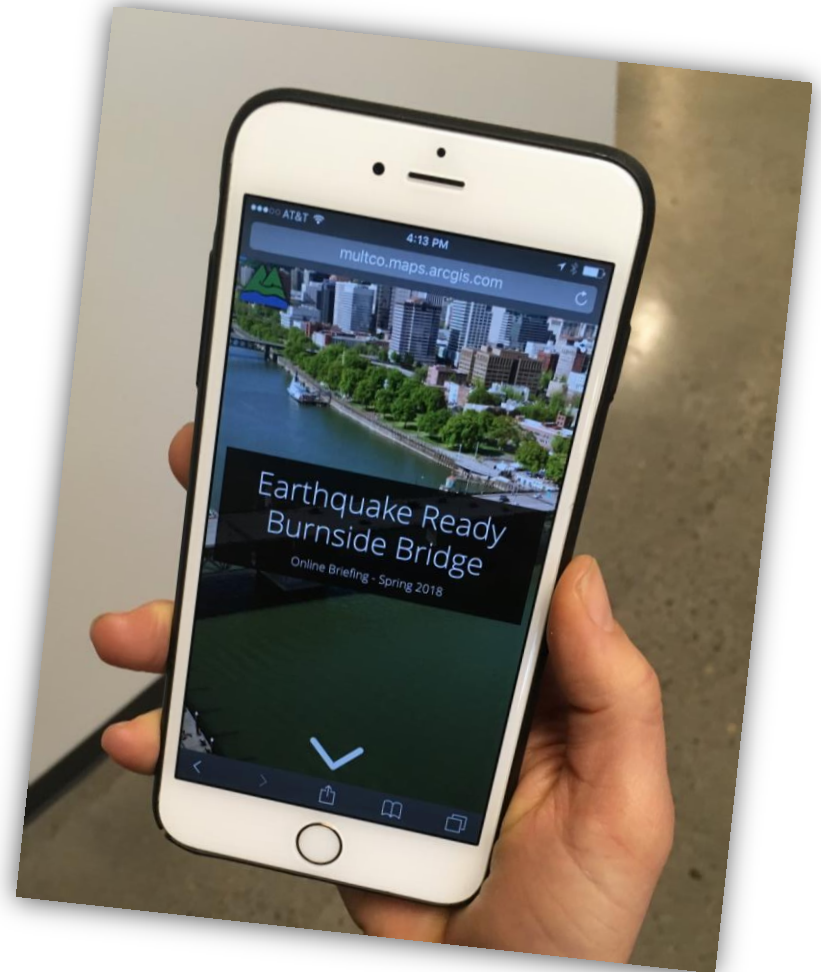
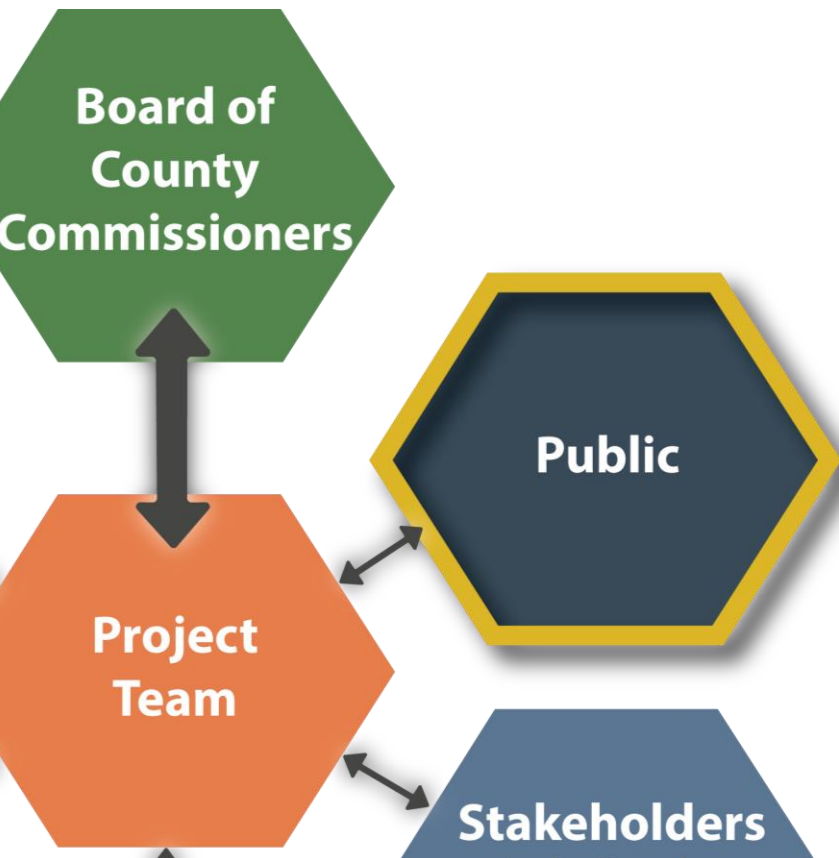
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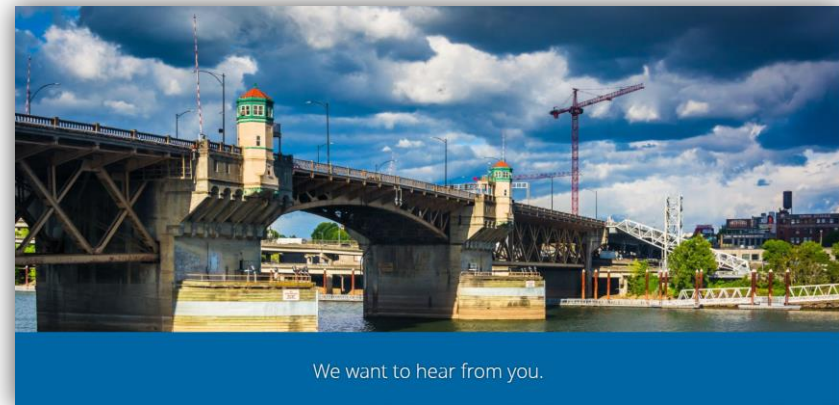
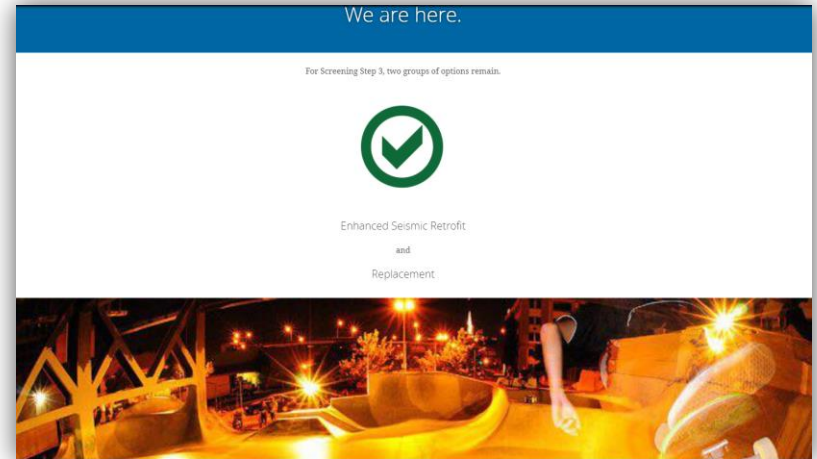
Public Outreach

Online Briefing



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Public Outreach – Online Briefing



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Online Briefing – What we are hearing...



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Online Briefing – What we are hearing...

What you would like us to consider as we evaluate options further...

“Efficiency. Which plan can best be completed in the shortest amount of time.”

“I would like to see world class pedestrian and cycle connections continue to remain one of the pillars of this project.”

“Make sure that we have a bridge that can withstand a major earthquake and allow emergency responses to go between downtown and the east side.”



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Online Briefing – What we are hearing...

Is there anything else we should know...

***“Good choices so far.
Move forward quickly.”***

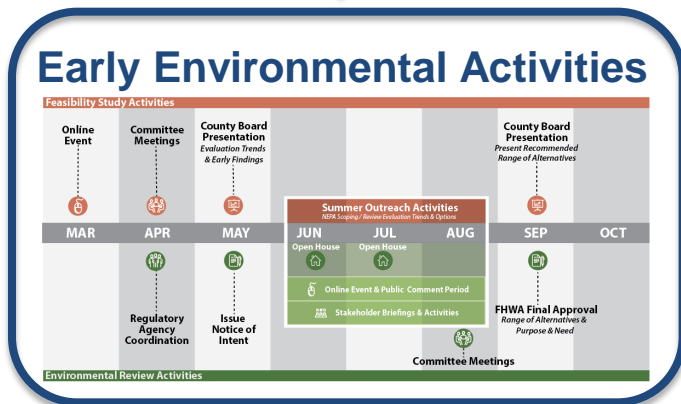
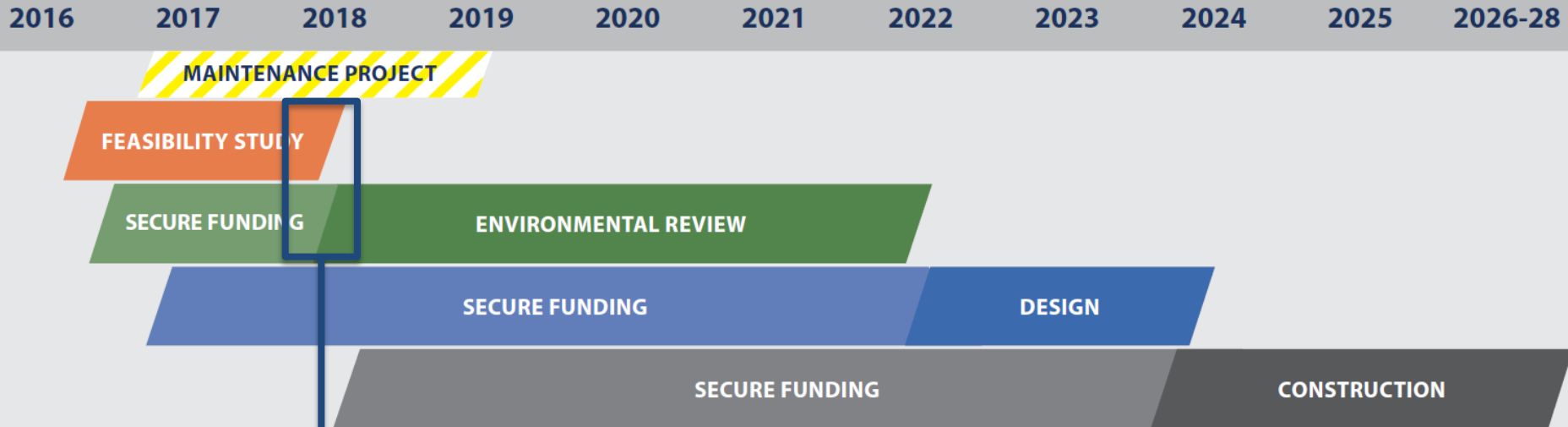
“Re-doing the bridge will impact an area that serves a large portion of the houseless population in Portland. That impact must be mitigated through careful advance planning and appropriate funding levels.”

“Build it once, build it right. If we have the technology to construct a seismically stable bridge, build/reconstruct one that will last a century. If that technology is still 30 years out, build/reconstruct a bridge that will last a half-century with plans to fix it better later.”



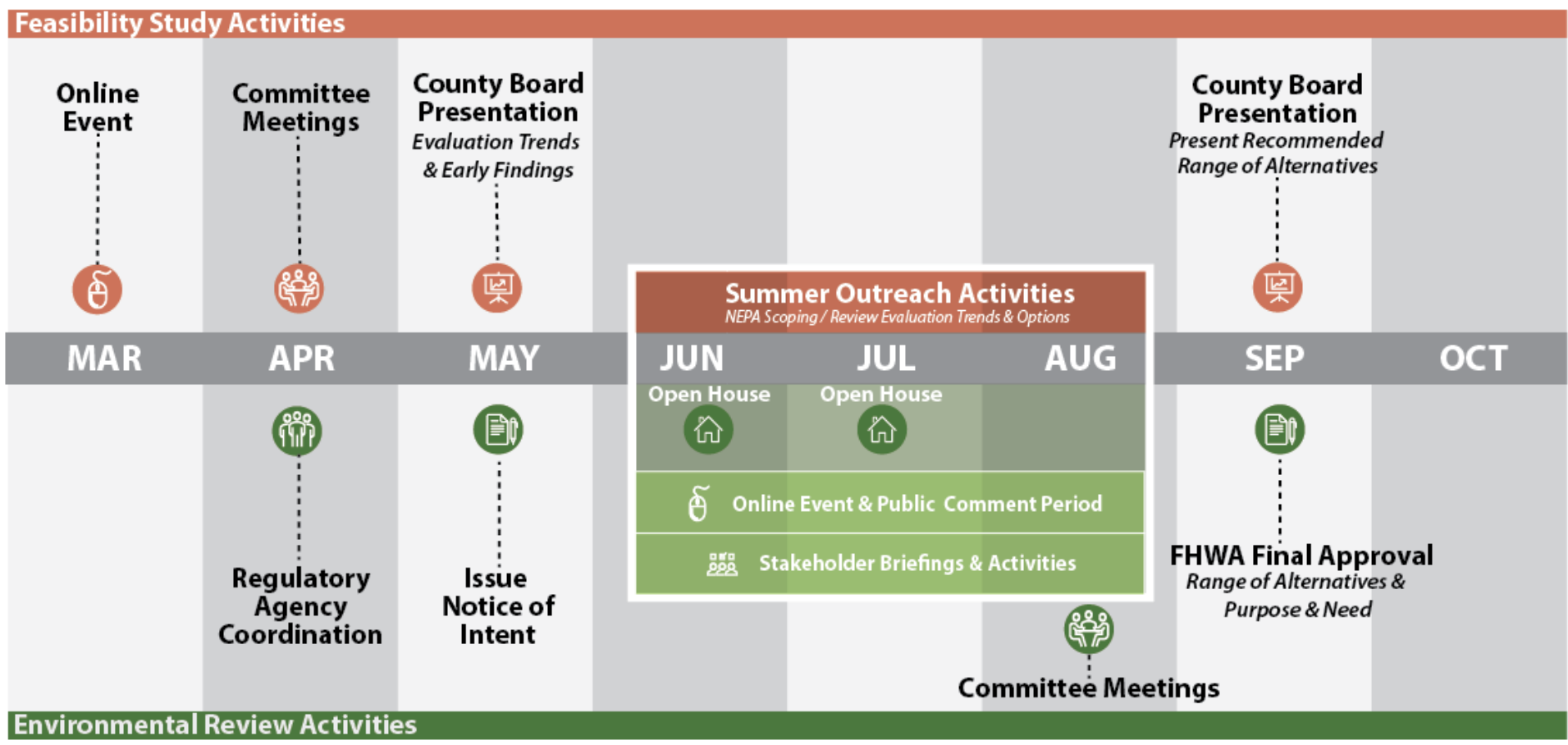
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Timeline



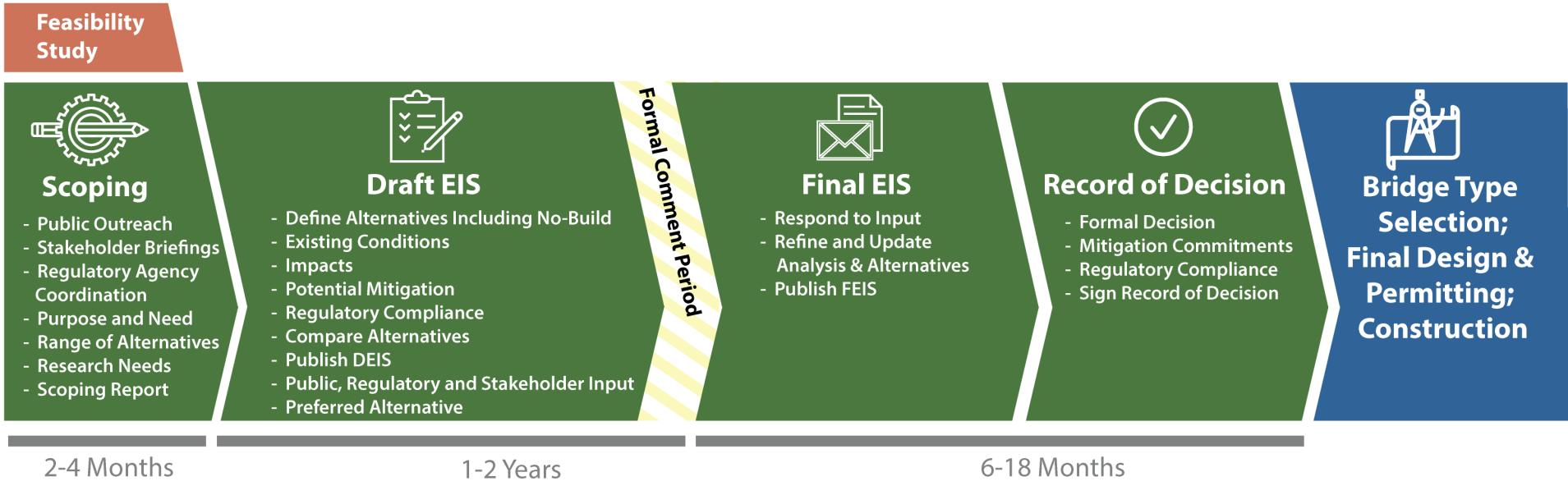
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Early Environmental Review Activities



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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



3. Options Evaluation

SCREENING STEPS

1

Each option was screened against the core requirements of seismic resiliency, emergency response, and compatibility with major infrastructure.

2

Each remaining option was evaluated on how well it functioned immediately after an earthquake in addition to everyday use.

3

Each remaining option is being further evaluated for its performance in six key categories:

FINAL REPORT

FALL 2018

The options that pass through these three screening steps will be published in a final report.

OPTION GROUPS

No Build

Maintain existing bridge as-is. *These options are not seismically resilient or cannot support emergency response.*



Seismic Retrofit

Upgrade the existing bridge. *A full seismic retrofit of the bridge is not feasible due to significant impacts to I-5 during construction.*



Enhanced Seismic Retrofit

Retrofit most of the existing bridge, but replace the spans over I-5 and the railroad.



Replacement

Build a new crossing such as a high fixed bridge, low movable bridge, twin bridges or a tunnel.



Enhance Another Bridge

Retrofit or replace a different bridge across the Willamette River. *Other bridges do not provide a rapid and reliable connection to the Burnside lifeline route after an earthquake.*



We are here.

- SEISMIC RESILIENCY**
Support reliable and rapid emergency response after an earthquake.
- NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION**
Support access and safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and people with disabilities.
- CONNECTIVITY**
Support street system integration and function for all modes.
- EQUITY**
Minimize adverse impacts to historically marginalized communities and promote transportation equity.
- BUILT ENVIRONMENT**
Promote land use compatibility and minimize impacts to parks and historic resources.
- FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**
Ensure public funds are invested wisely.



REMAINING OPTIONS

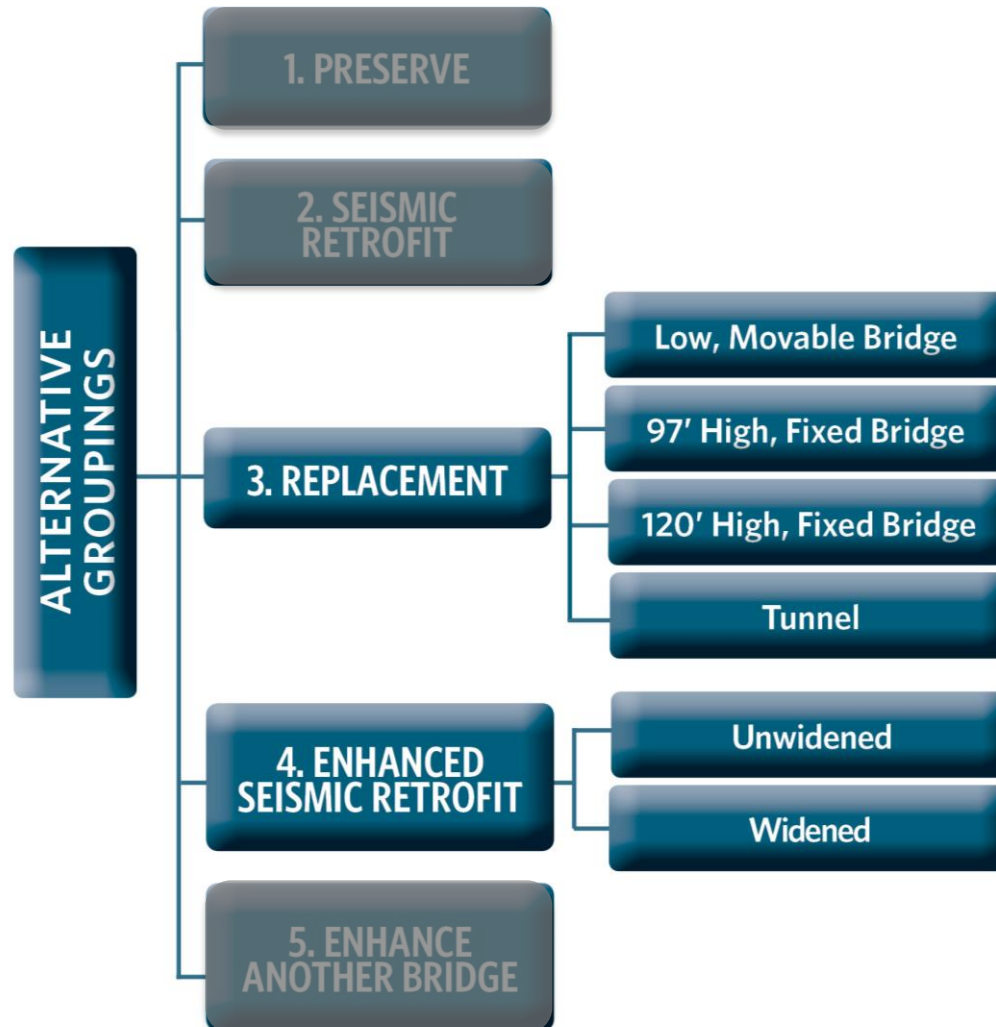
A draft of the final report will be available for public comment in Summer 2018.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will make the final decision on which options will advance to environmental review.



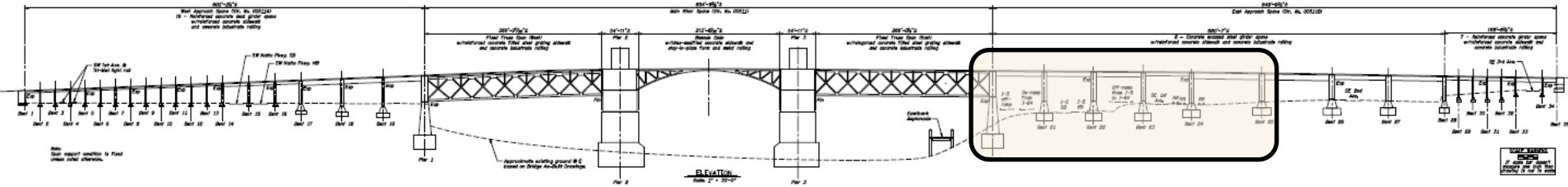
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Remaining Alternatives



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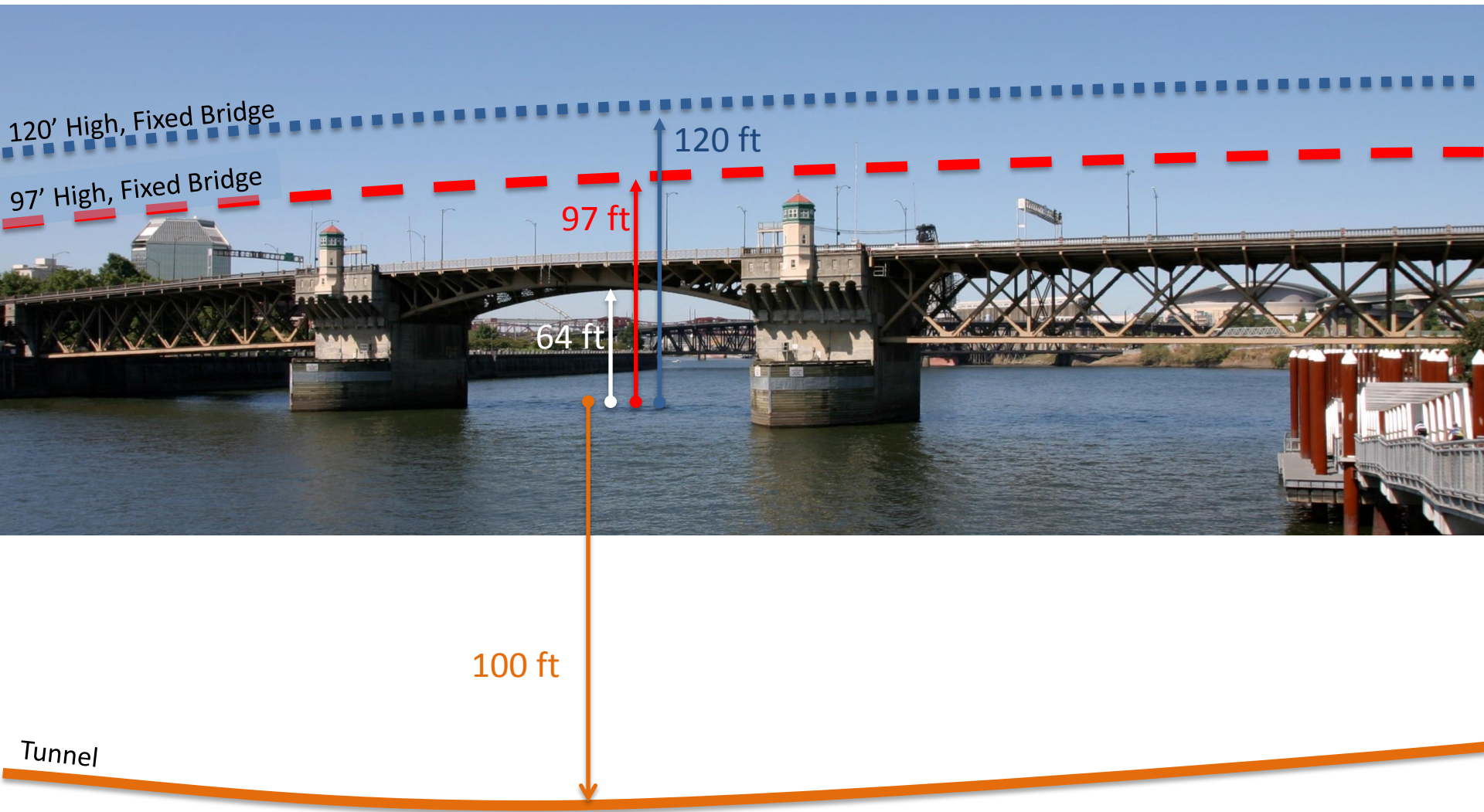
Enhanced Seismic Retrofit Options



Photos of sections of bridge next to I-5

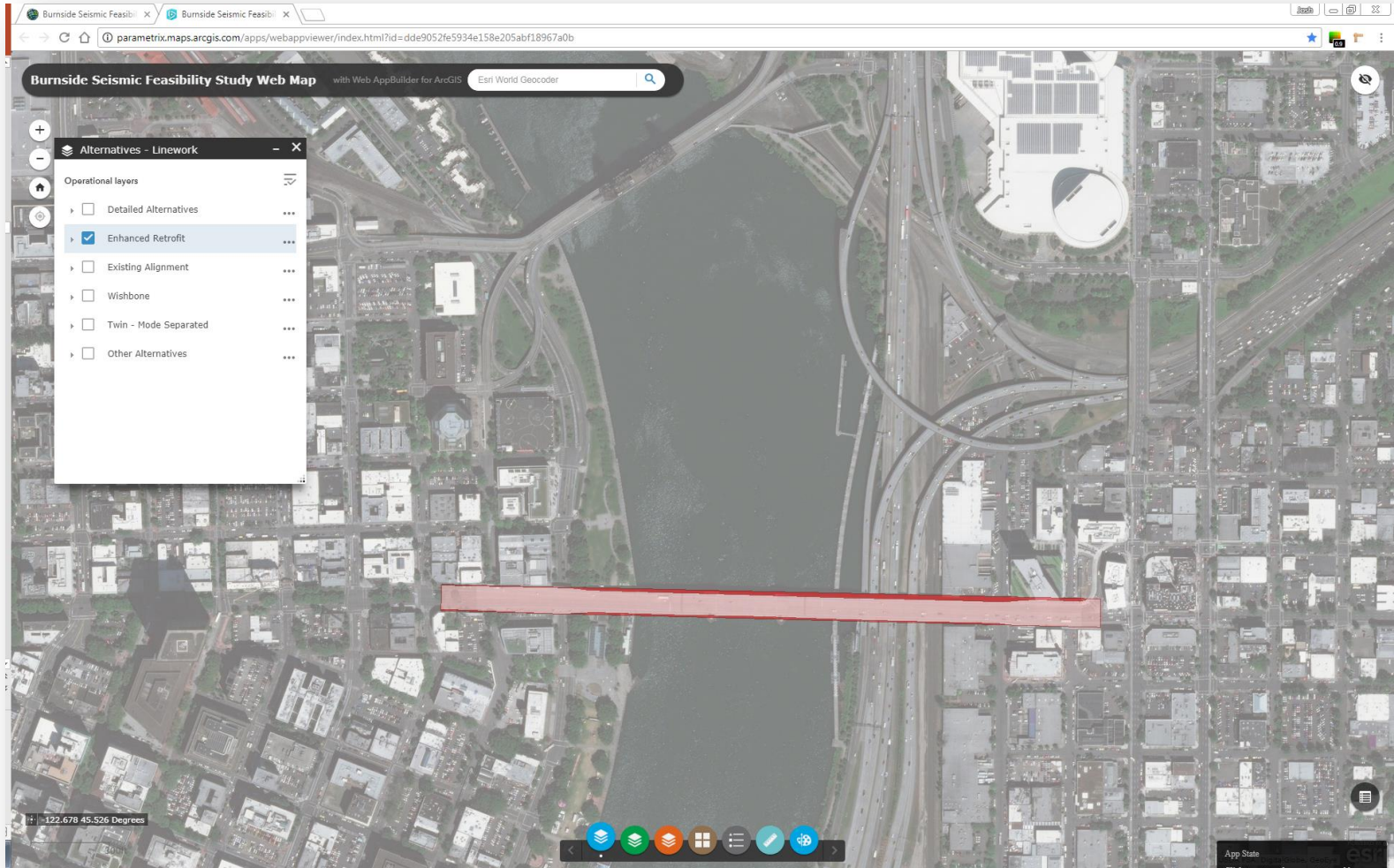
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Elevations



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Replacement Options (see GIS tool)



3. Options Evaluation

Screening Criteria

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Scoring



HIGH



MEDIUM



LOW

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Feasibility Study Objective: Define the Range of Alternatives for NEPA

What is a “reasonable range” for an environmental study?

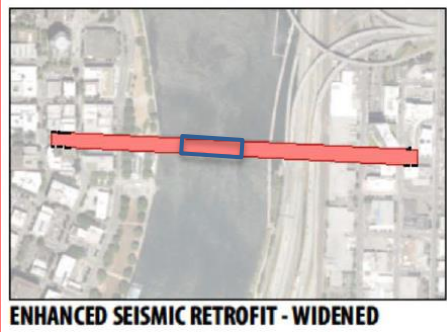
- 25 is too many for detailed NEPA analysis
- Eliminate those that perform poorly
- For sub-groups of similar alternatives, advance the better performing (as representative)
- Include a range of types, features and functionality



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What is rising to the top...

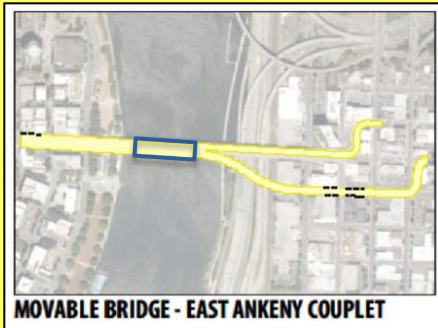
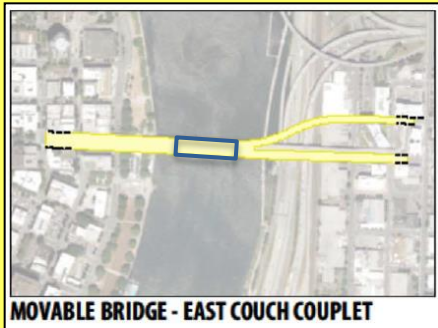
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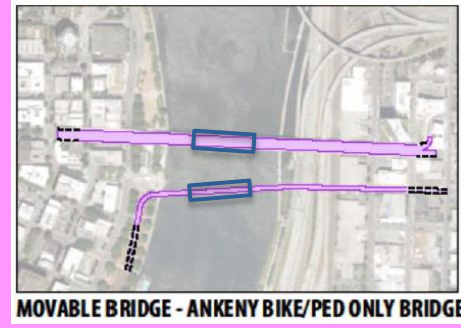
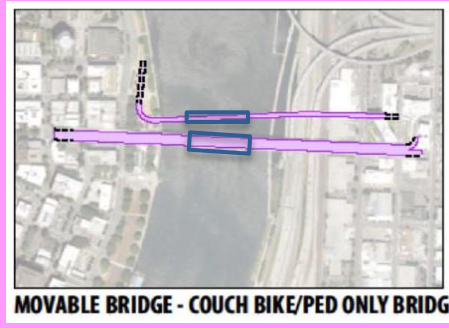
Replacement: Existing Alignment



Replacement: Wishbones

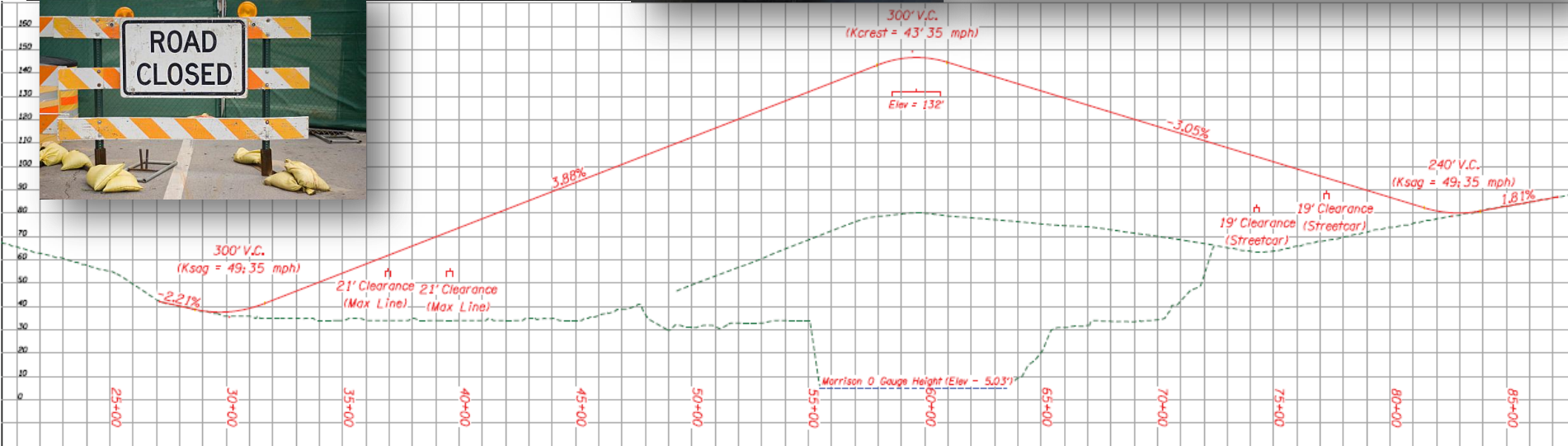


Replacement: Mode-Separated



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Tunnel and 120 High Bridge Options



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Twin Multi-modal Bridges

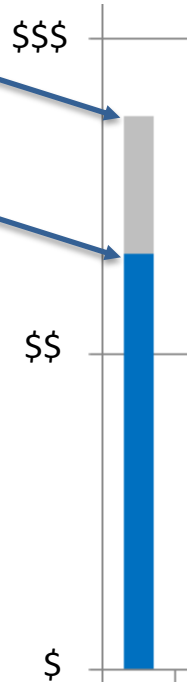


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Financial Stewardship: Preliminary Cost

Burnside St is open to traffic during construction

Burnside St is closed to traffic during construction



Total Project Cost (\$M)

Notes:

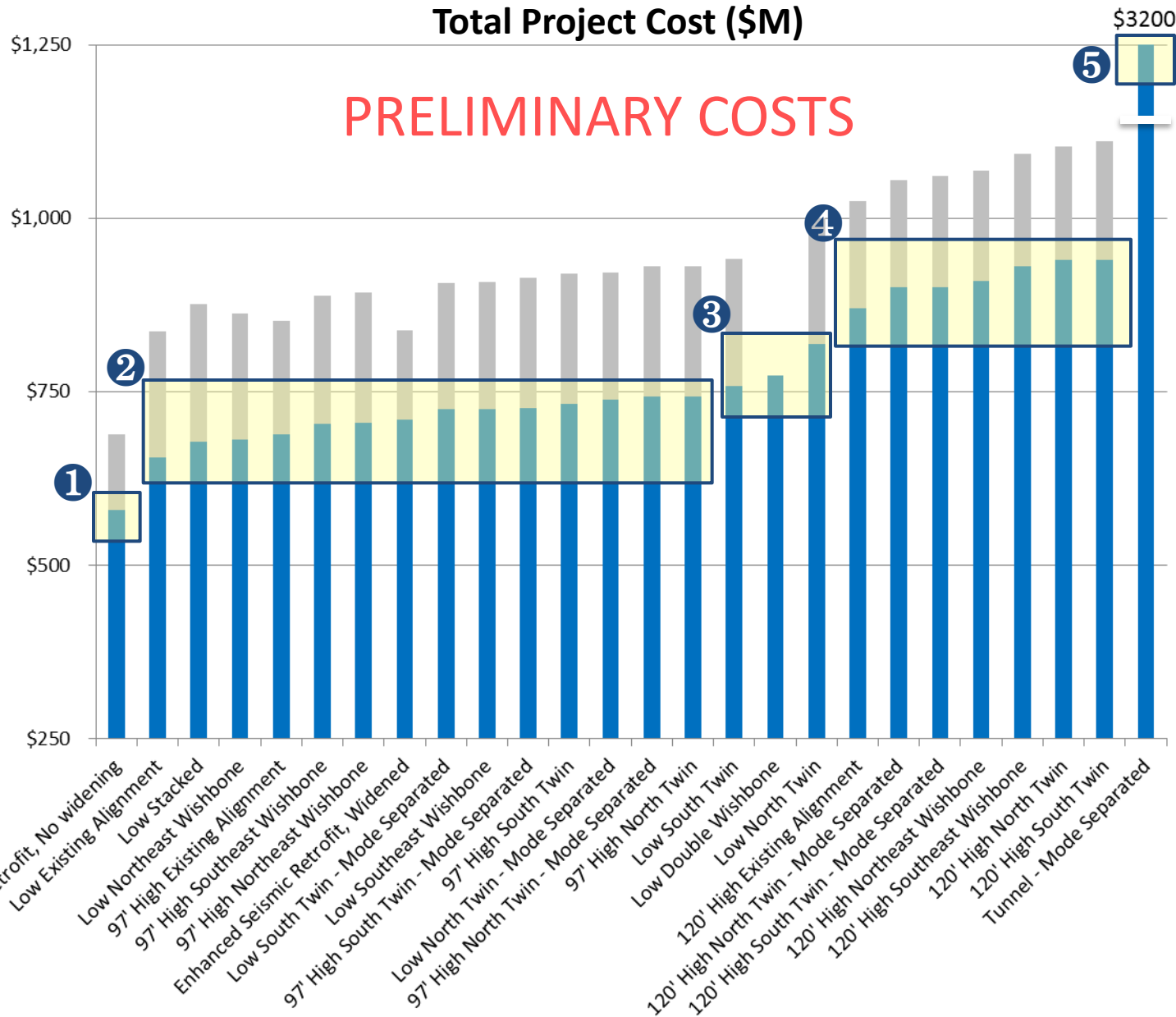
1. Project costs includes NEPA, Design, ROW Acquisition, and Construction phases
2. Project costs are escalated to the year of construction



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Total Project Cost (\$M)

PRELIMINARY COSTS



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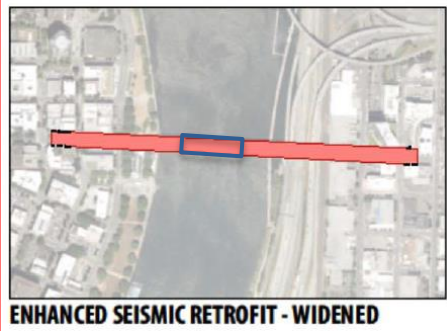
1. Unwidened enhanced retrofit
2. Low movable and 97 ft clearance options
3. Twin alignment and Double wishbone options
4. 120 ft clearance options
5. Tunnel



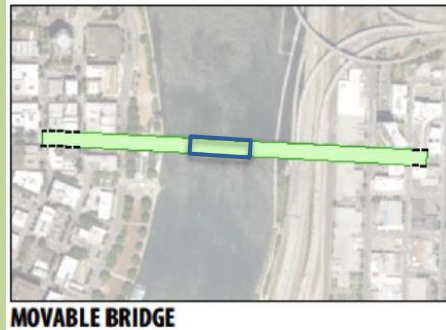
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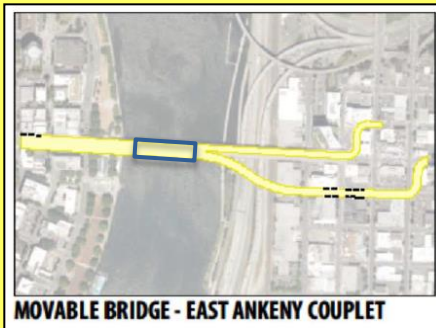
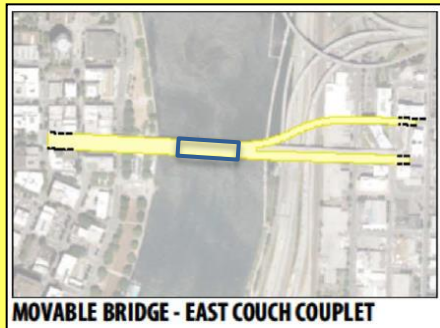
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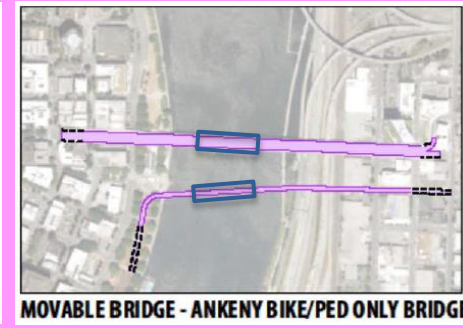
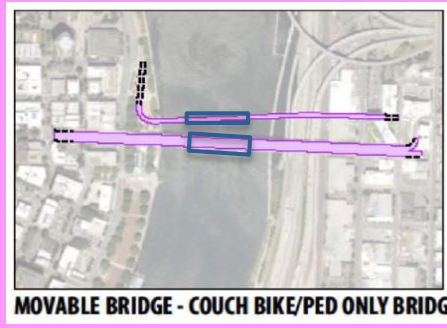
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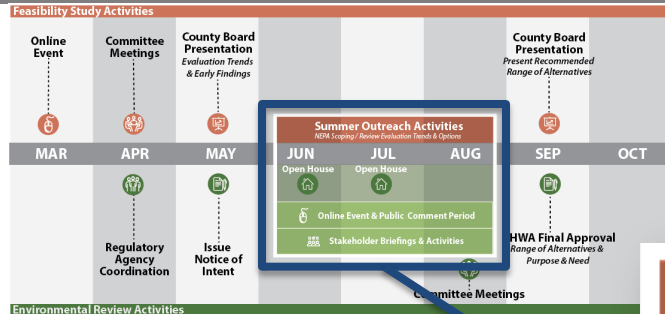
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Replacement: Mode-Separated



4. Next Steps



Summer Outreach Activities

NEPA Scoping / Review Evaluation Trends & Options

JUN	JUL	AUG
Open House 	Open House 	
Online Event & Public Comment Period		
Stakeholder Briefings & Activities		



5. Public Comment

Do you have anything
you would like to share?



6. Closing Remarks

Thank You

