



**Senior Agency Staff Group – Meeting 1**  
**April 4, 2017**

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Charter
- Project Overview
- Agency Interests
- Alternatives Development
- Screening Process
- Closing Remarks



*Burnside Bridge*

# SASG Charter

## SASG Purpose

- Input on Feasibility Study
- Identify Agency Interests
- Provide Informed Feedback



## Role and Expectations

- Attend Four SASG Meetings
- Act as Liaison to Policy Group and Agency

# Project Overview



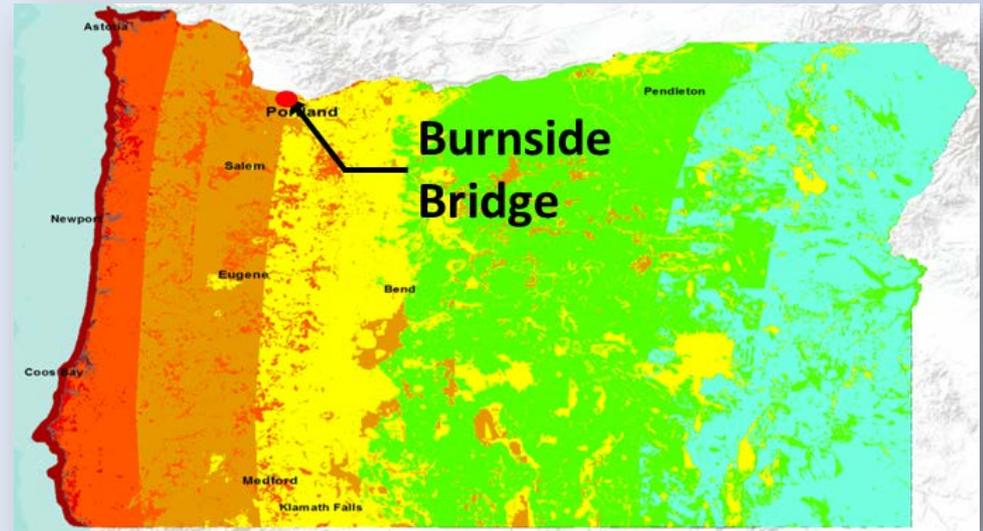
*Burnside Bridge*

- **Purpose:** To create a resilient lifeline crossing
- **Goal:** To recommend rehabilitation and/or replacement alternatives for further NEPA-phase analysis
- **Timing:** Study to be completed in Fall, 2018
- **Funding:** Needed for future phases

# Project Overview

## Regional Earthquake Risk

- 1 in 3 chance of Magnitude 8+ earthquake within 50 years
- Thousands of fatalities and injuries
- Billions in economic loss

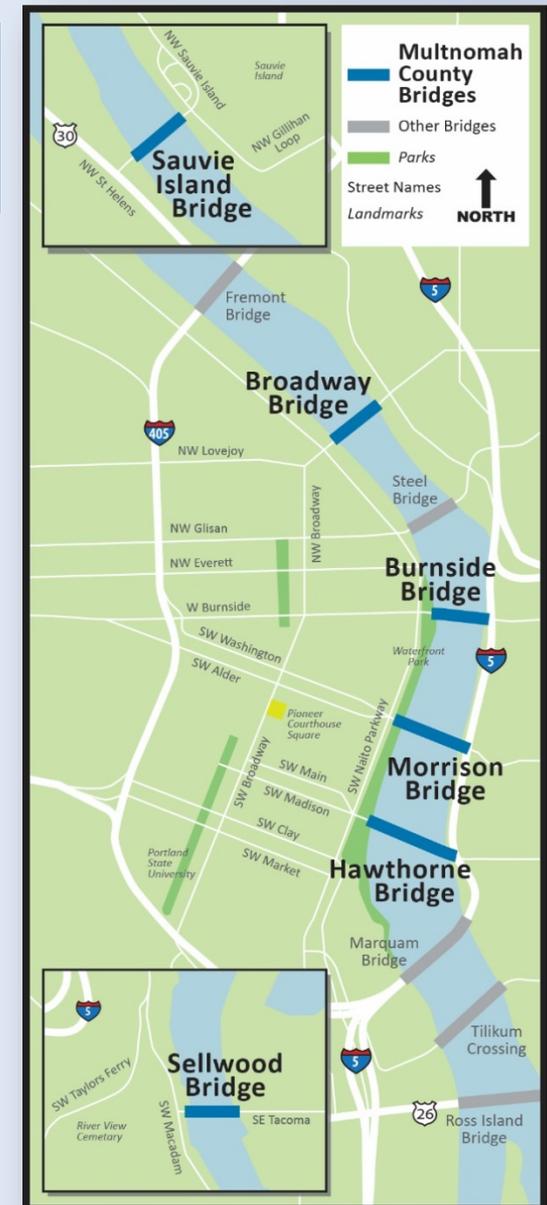


Source: *Oregon Resilience Plan (2013)*

# Project Overview

## Earthquake Vulnerabilities

- Downtown bridges vulnerable to major earthquakes
- Board of County Commissioners adopted the Bridge CIP in 2015
- CIP identified the Burnside Bridge as its number one priority for seismic resiliency



# Project Overview

## Burnside Bridge, over 90 years of Service

- 40,000 vehicles, 2,000 bicycles and pedestrians daily
- Three bus lines
- 300 openings a year
- Crosses Blue/Red Max Lines, 78k weekday riders
- Crosses Union Pacific Railroad mainline

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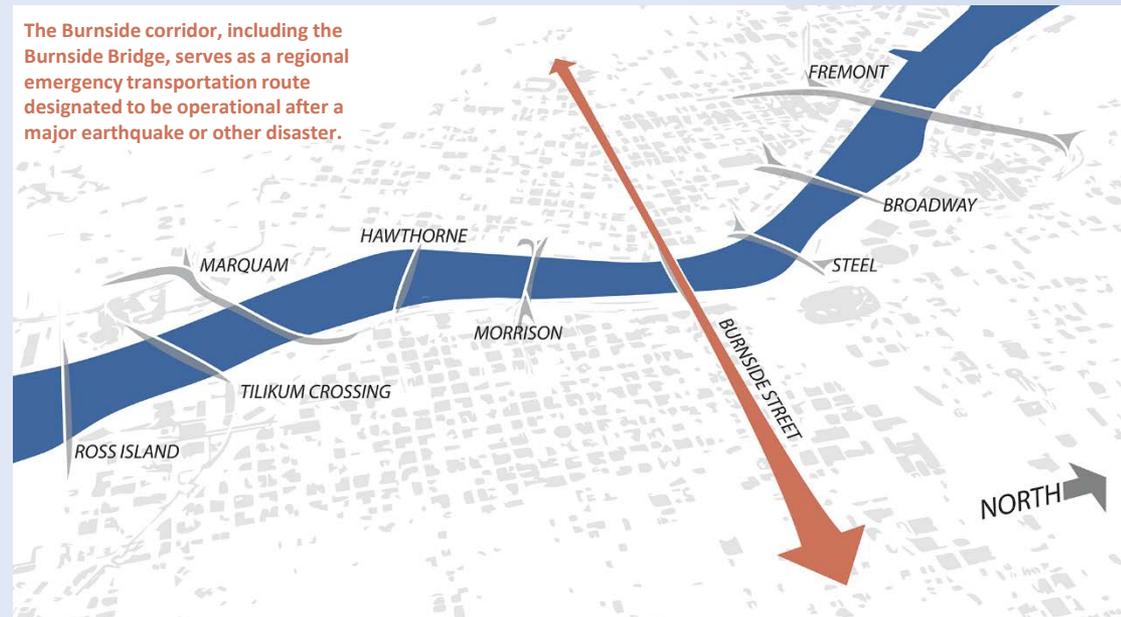
## Burnside Street: Regional Lifeline Route

Over 17 miles long, Burnside Street connects Gresham to Washington County through downtown Portland

- Metro designated Burnside a Priority 1 route in the late 1990s
- City of Portland designated Burnside Street an evacuation route
- Only non-state owned Priority 1 route across the Willamette River
- ODOT is prioritizing investing in the I-205 corridor

Sources: Metro Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Report, 1996

Portland City-wide Evacuation Plan 2014;  
([portlandoregon.gov/pbem/65295](http://portlandoregon.gov/pbem/65295))



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## PROJECT PHASING



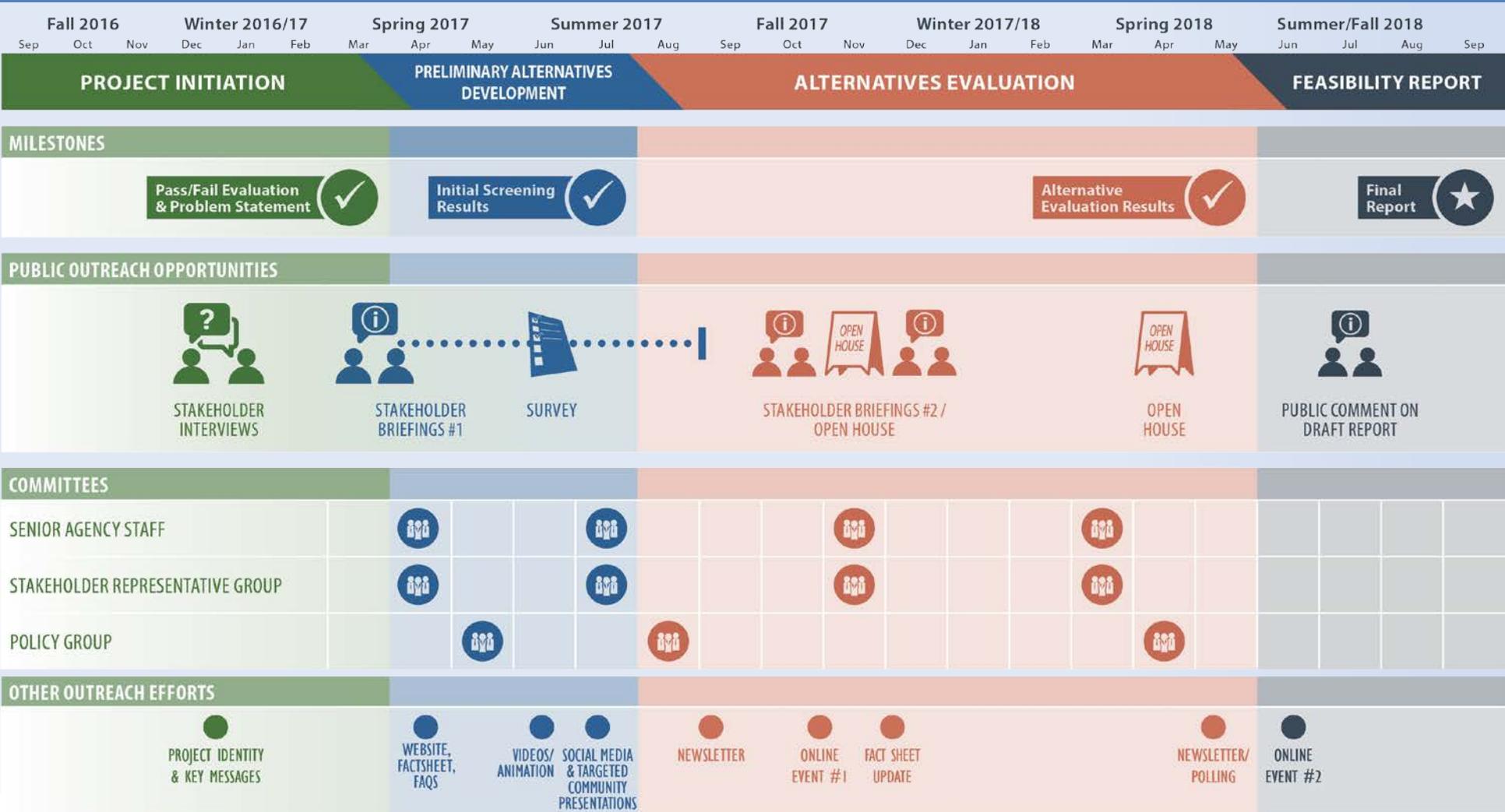
\* Source: Multnomah County Willamette River Bridges Capital Improvement Plan (2015-2034)

# Project Overview

## FEASIBILITY STUDY TIMELINE



# Project Overview



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## Policy Group Members

- Multnomah County
- Metro
- TriMet
- Portland Development Commission
- Oregon Department of Transportation (Region 1)
- City of Portland
- City of Gresham
- City of Beaverton
- Clackamas County
- Washington County
- Federal Highway Administration (Oregon)
- U.S. Senator Merkley's office
- U.S. Senator Wyden's office
- U.S. Representative Blumenauer's office
- U.S. Representative Bonamici's office
- Oregon State Senator Taylor (District 21)
- Oregon State Representative Smith Warner (District 45)

# Project Overview

## Stakeholder Representative Group Members

- American Automobile Association (AAA)
- Buckman Community Association
- Burnside Skatepark
- Central City Concern
- Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC)
- Multnomah County Bike / Ped Advisory Committee member
- Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs)
- Old Town/ Chinatown Association
- Oregon Trucking Association (OTA)
- Portland Spirit
- Portland Saturday Market
- Sharon Wood-Wortman (Historic Resources)
- The Street Trust (formerly BTA)
- University of Oregon School of Architecture student
- Willamette Riverkeeper

# Project Overview

## Seismic Resiliency Committee Members

- Multnomah County Bridge
- ODOT Bridge
- FHWA Bridge
- WSDOT Bridge
- City of Portland – PBOT Bridge
- Portland State University
- HDR Engineering
- Parametrix
- Shannon and Wilson
- Hart Crowser
- Hardesty and Hanover



*\*Tentative*

# Project Overview



# Agency Interests

## Project Setting

- Urban Environment
- Public Use Areas
- Multi-agency Involvement
- Bridge and River Users
- Natural Environment
- Economic Development

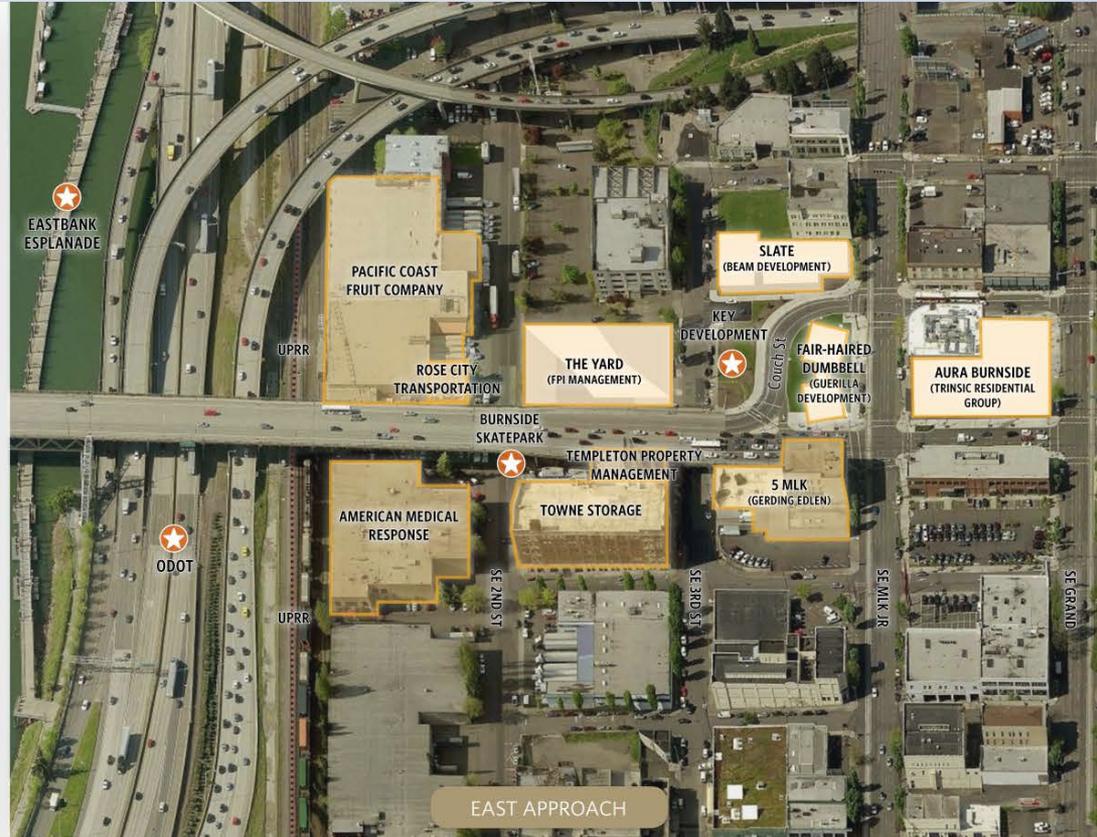
## Agency Interest

- What are your interests in the project?



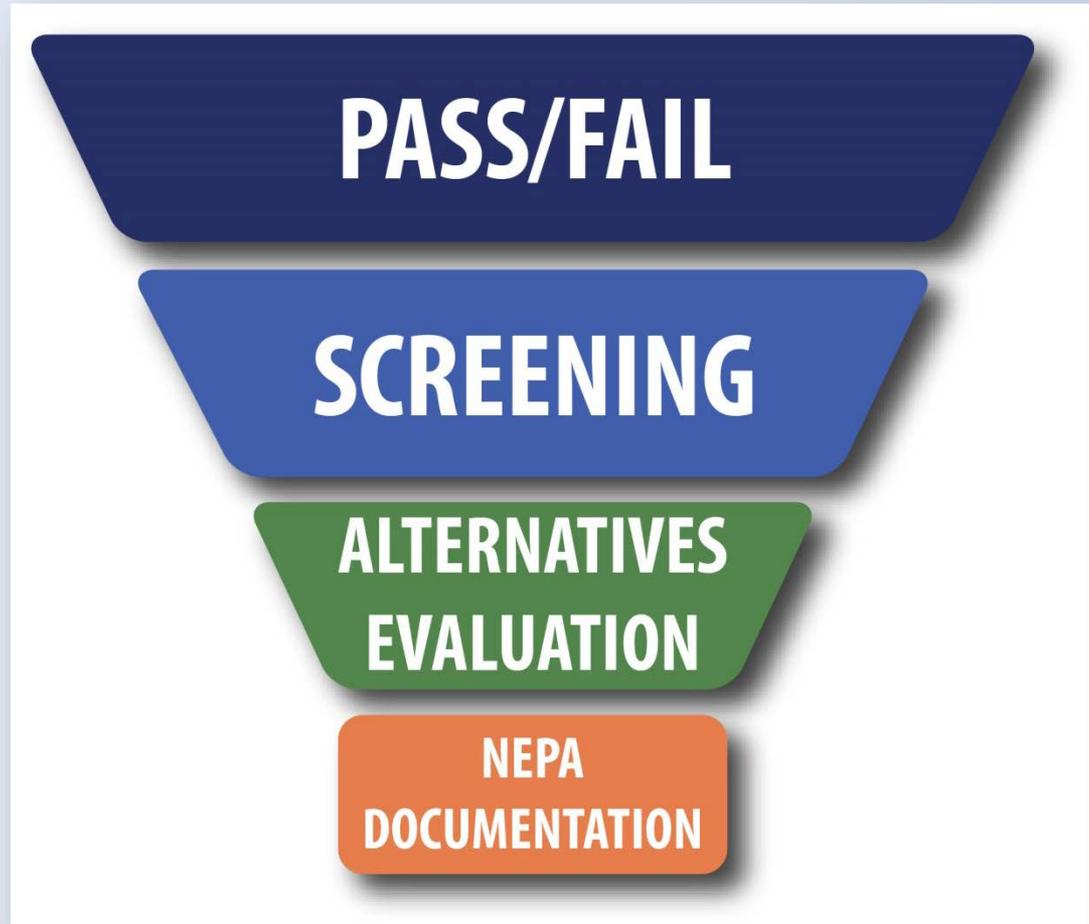
# Agency Interests

What are your agency interests in the project?



# Alternatives Development

## Multi-Step Process



# Problem Statement

## Background, Problem Statement, and Intent

- Intent

- Achieve seismic resiliency
- Burnside lifeline river crossing is fully operational following a major earthquake
- Enable emergency medical, fire, and life safety response
- Post disaster restoration of services
- Regional recovery
- Implement related emergency plans
- Long term multi-modal functions (independent of seismic resiliency)

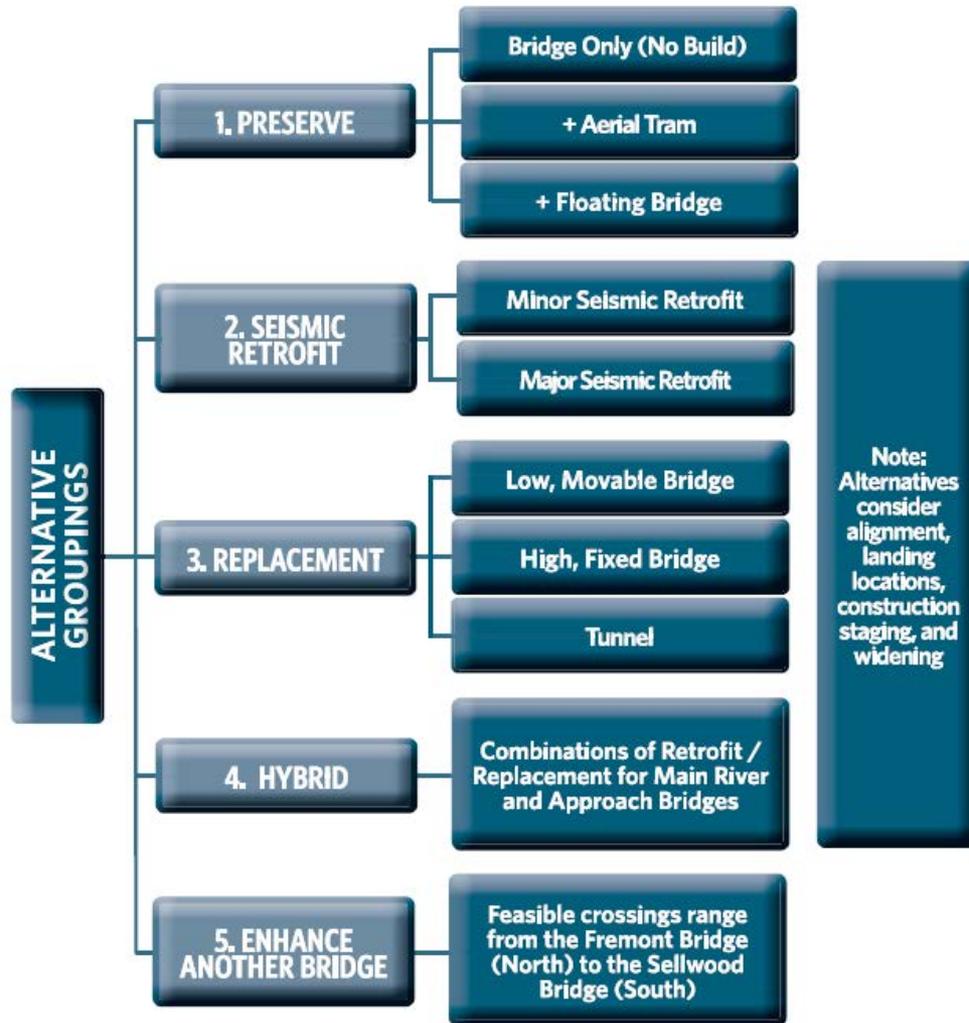


# Alternatives Development



**What Alternative Groupings create an earthquake-ready crossing?**

# Alternatives Development



**What alternatives are being considered within each grouping?**

# Low, Movable Bridge Replacement; Existing Alignment; Single Bridge

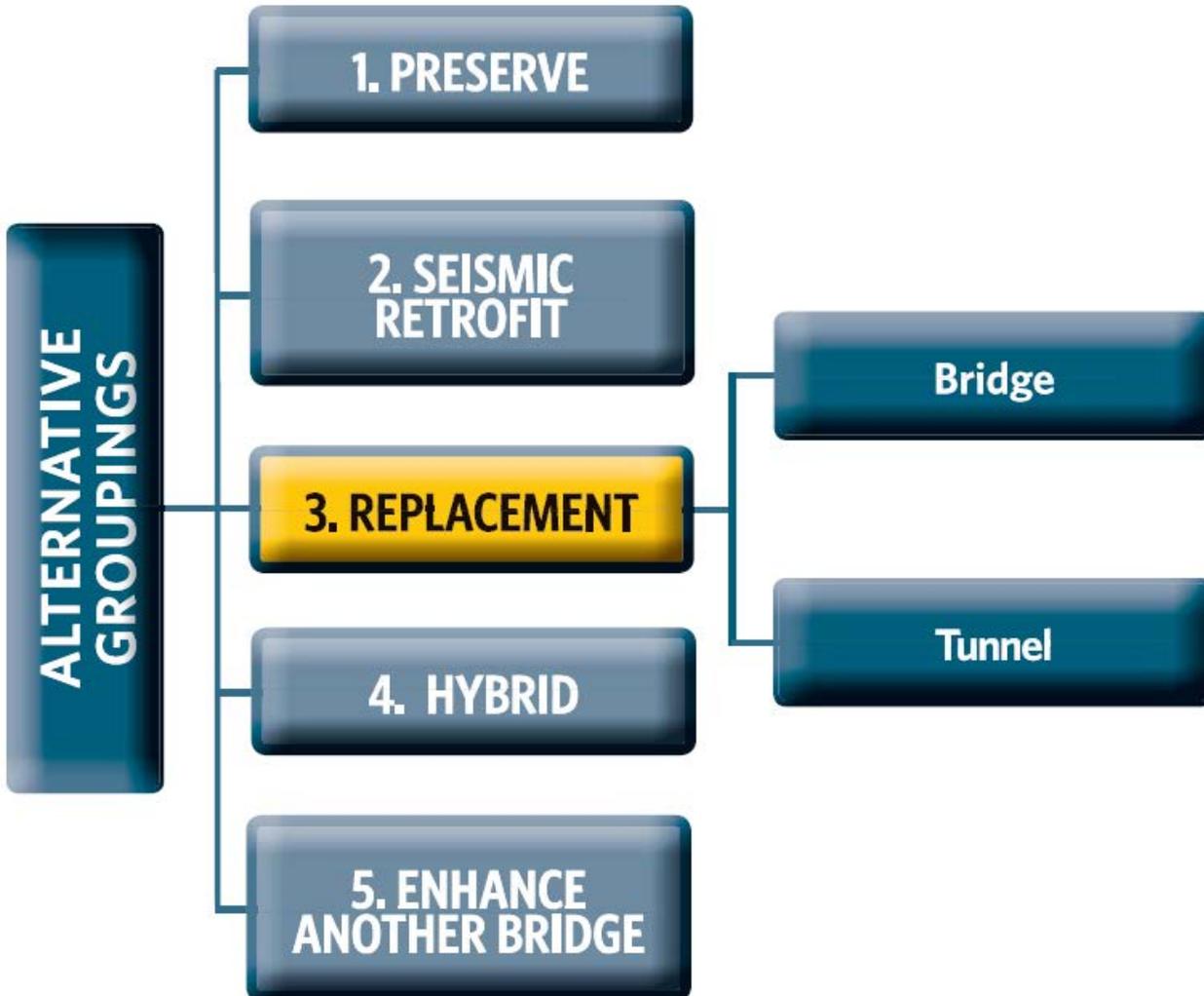


## REPLACEMENT CROSSING ALTERNATIVES



(This is one of 100+ Design Options under consideration)

# Alternatives Development



## Key Questions:

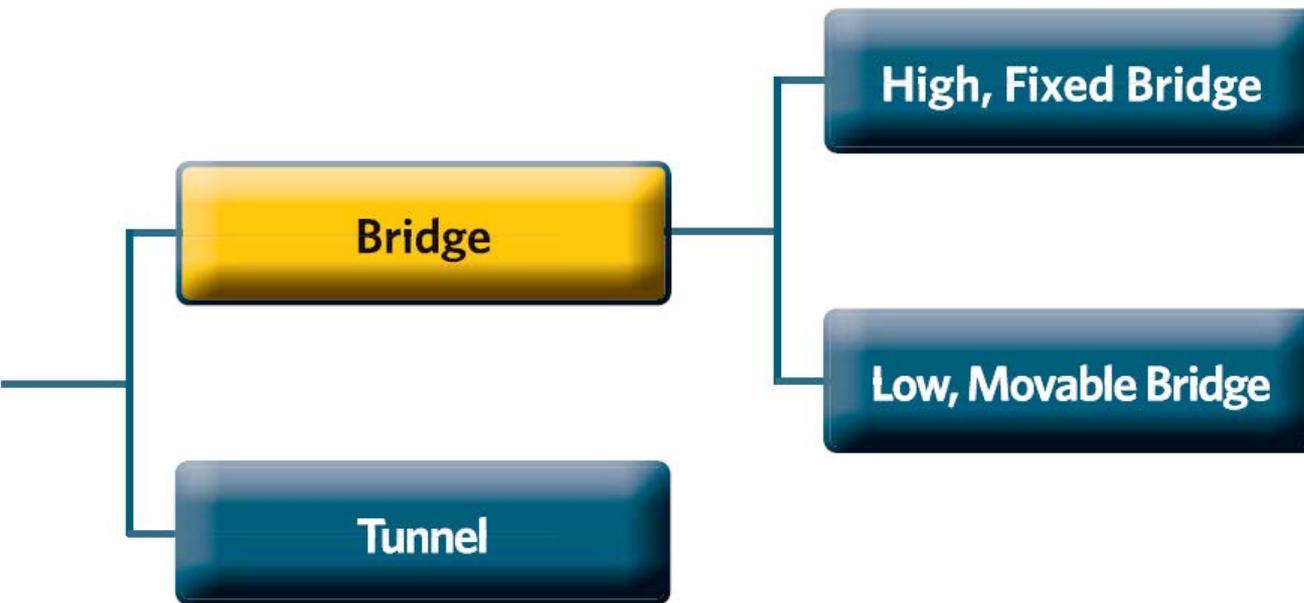
Q1. What are the bridge replacement options?

# Alternatives Development

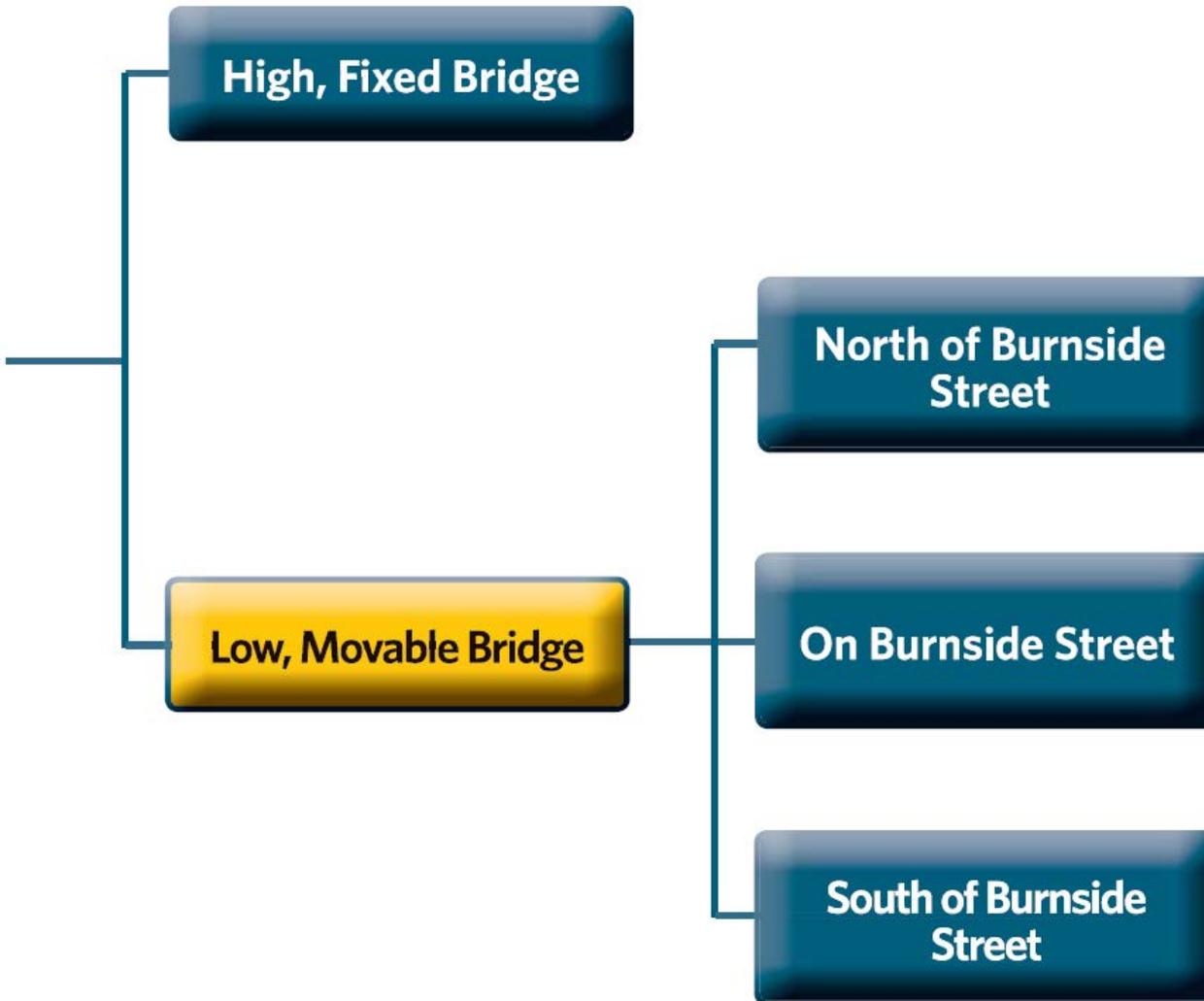
## Key Questions:

Q1. Bridge

Q2. How high is the bridge?



# Alternatives Development



## Key Questions:

Q1. Bridge

Q2. Low, movable bridge

Q3. Where does the bridge cross the river?

# Alternatives Development

## Key Questions:

- Q1. Bridge
- Q2. Low, movable bridge
- Q3. North of Burnside Street
- Q4. How many bridges are there?

Single Bridge

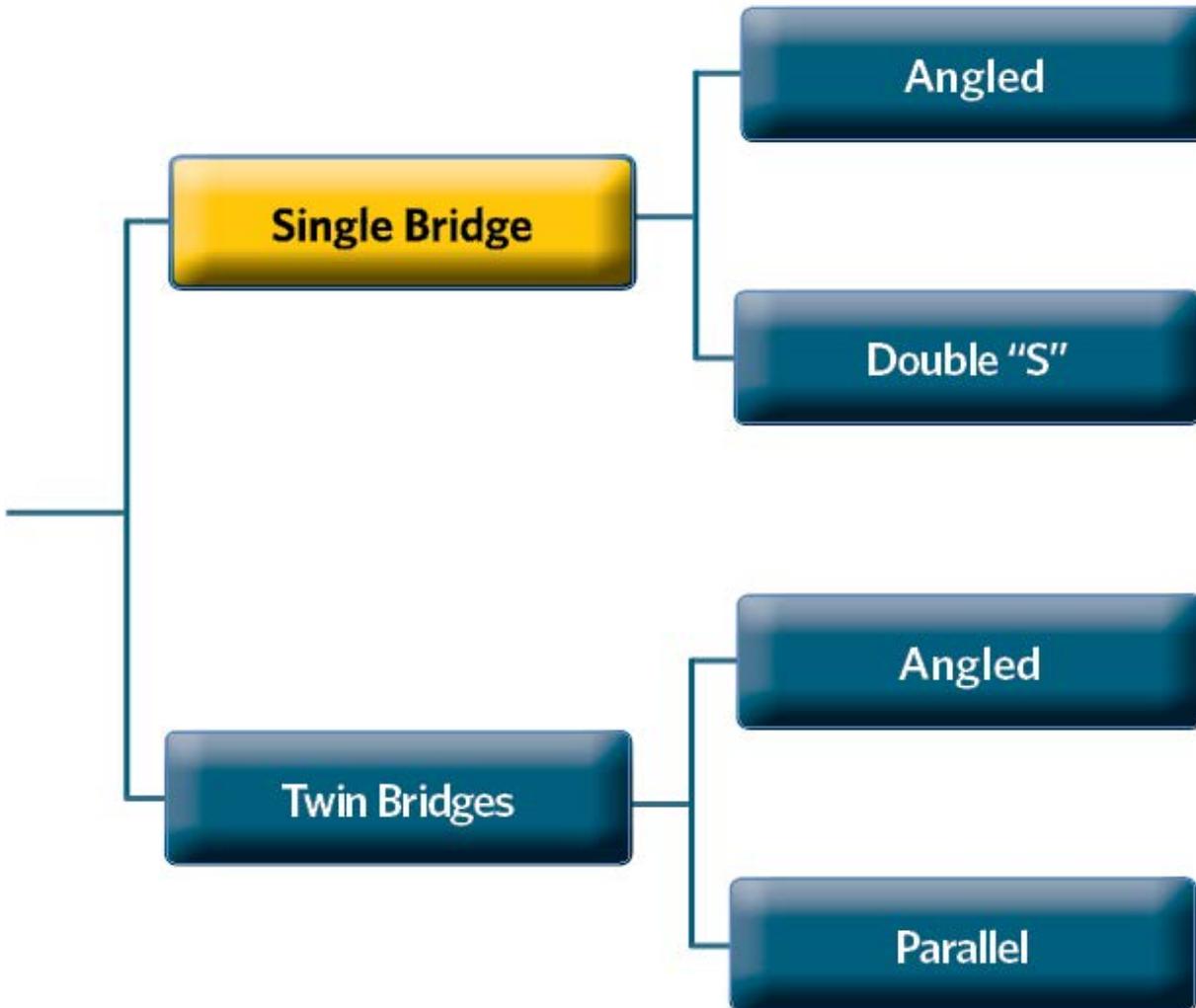
Twin Bridges

North of Burnside Street

On Burnside Street

South of Burnside Street

# Alternatives Development



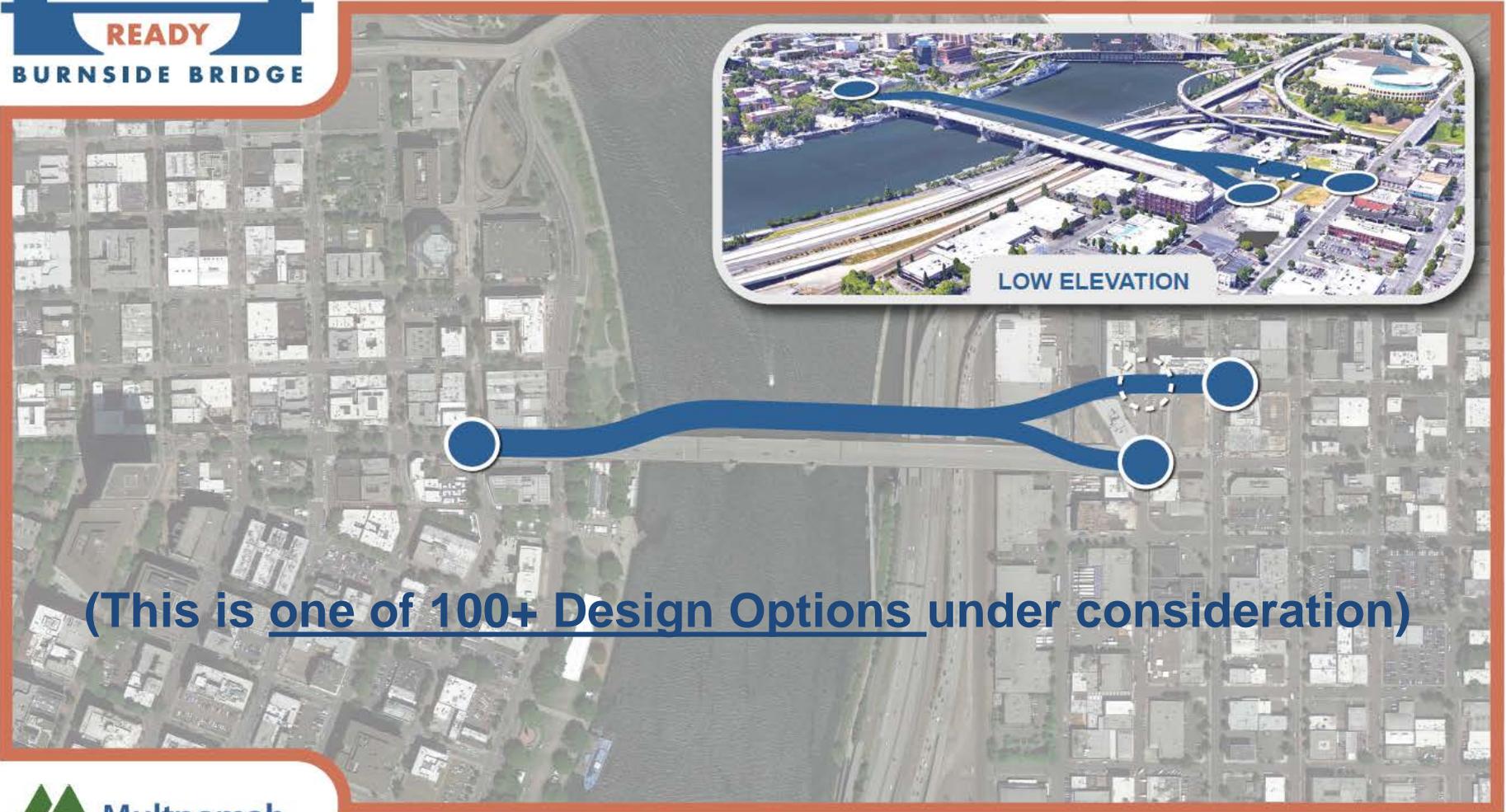
## Key Questions:

- Q1. Bridge
- Q2. Low, movable bridge
- Q3. North of Burnside Street
- Q4. Single bridge
- Q5. **What is the roadway alignment shape?**

# Low, Movable Bridge Replacement; North Alignment; Single Bridge; West Angled + East Couplet Alignment



## REPLACEMENT CROSSING ALTERNATIVES



(This is one of 100+ Design Options under consideration)

# Alternatives Development



 – Alternative illustration available.

HIGH ELEVATION



LOW ELEVATION



LOW ELEVATION

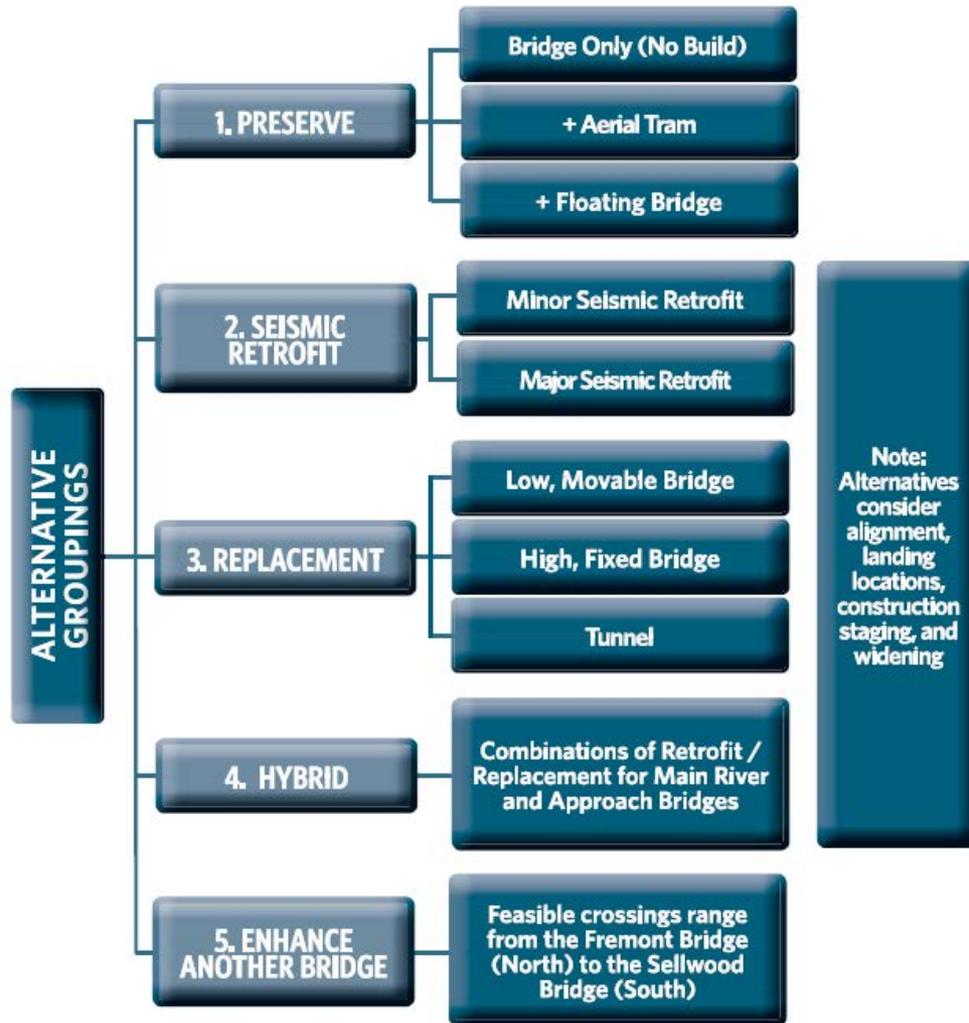


LOW ELEVATION



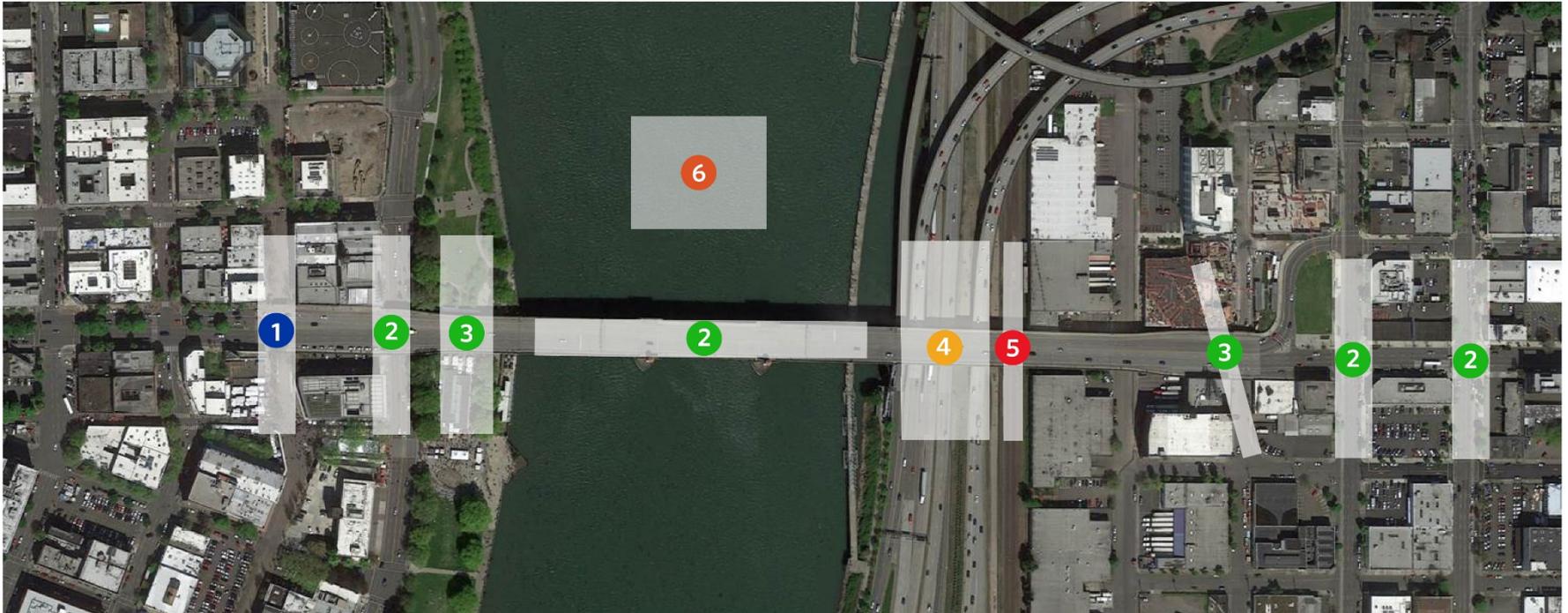
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# Alternatives Development



**Are we missing any alternatives?**

# Technical Pass / Fail Criteria



 **1** TriMet Lightrail Service

 **4** Oregon Department of Transportation Highway Facilities (I-5 and I-84)

 **6** U.S. Coast Guard / River Navigation

 **2** City of Portland Roadway (Naito Pkwy, NE/SE MLK, NE/SE Grand)  
**3** City of Portland Combined Sewer Overflow

 **5** Union Pacific Railroad Mainline

# Problem Statement



## Background, Problem Statement, and Intent

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  - Post disaster restoration of services
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  - Long term multi-modal functions (independent of seismic resiliency)

# Screening Process



## Screening Criteria

- Reflects the Project Intent
- Organized into Five Topics
  1. Seismic Resiliency
  2. Emergency Response
  3. Multi-modal Needs
  4. Consistency with Emergency Plans
  5. Long-term Functionality

## Criteria Rating

Step 1: Good/Fair/Fails to meet

Step 2: Good/Fair/Poor

# Screening Criteria

	Screening Criteria	Definition	Rating (good, fair, fail/poor)
STEP 1	1. Seismic Resiliency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossing withstands earthquake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seismic Design Criteria</li> </ul>
	2. Emergency Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency response based on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access</li> <li>Distance (time)</li> <li>Capacity/Congestion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Access:</b> unobstructed roadway</li> <li><b>Distance:</b> linking lifeline route on either side of the river</li> <li><b>Capacity/Congestion:</b> number of lane equivalence</li> </ul>
STEP 2	3. Multi-Modal (post-earthquake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modal access on &amp; around the crossing:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADA</li> <li>Bike/Pedestrian</li> <li>Vehicle (bus, freight, cars)</li> <li>River Users</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access available after the Earthquake</li> </ul>
	4. Plan Consistency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossing is consistent with State, Regional &amp; Local Emergency Management Plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of plan consistency</li> </ul>
	5. Long-term Function (independent of earthquake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of maintenance</li> <li>Long-term multi-modal functionality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance required to achieve design life</li> <li>Ability of crossing to improve accommodating multi-modes</li> </ul>

# Closing Remarks

## Next Steps

- Stakeholder Representative Group and Policy Group Meetings
- Screen Alternative Groupings
- Agency Technical Meetings
- Develop Draft Evaluation Criteria
- Stakeholder Briefings
- SASG Meeting #2 – July 2017 (potential dates?)
- Feedback – 2 weeks from this meeting
- Questions?

# Closing Remarks

Thank You