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## The Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project

Experts say there is a one in three chance of a magnitude 8 or greater earthquake occurring in our region within the lifetime of most Oregon residents. Located in the heart of downtown and on a designated regional lifeline route, a resilient Burnside Bridge will play a critical role in emergency response, rescue and economic recovery following a major earthquake.

### Share your thoughts on the proposed cost-saving refinements through December 14, 2021!

Cost considerations for the initial Project have changed over the last year with the failure of the 2020 Regional Transportation Bond Measure which would have allocated \$150 million to the project, high competition for funding of large infrastructure projects, and increasing labor and materials costs that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, **the need for an earthquake ready bridge to serve the Portland region remains** and Multnomah County fully supports completing the project.

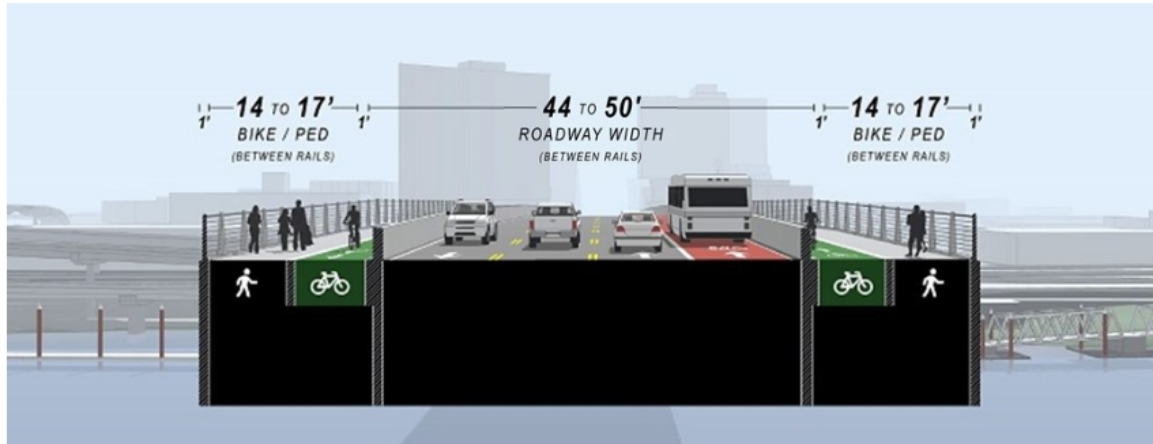
After further cost analysis, environmental and permitting analysis, and input from stakeholders, the project team has identified **three key refinements** to the Long Span Alternative for the community to consider.

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### **Refinement 1: Reducing overall bridge width to save up to \$150 million**



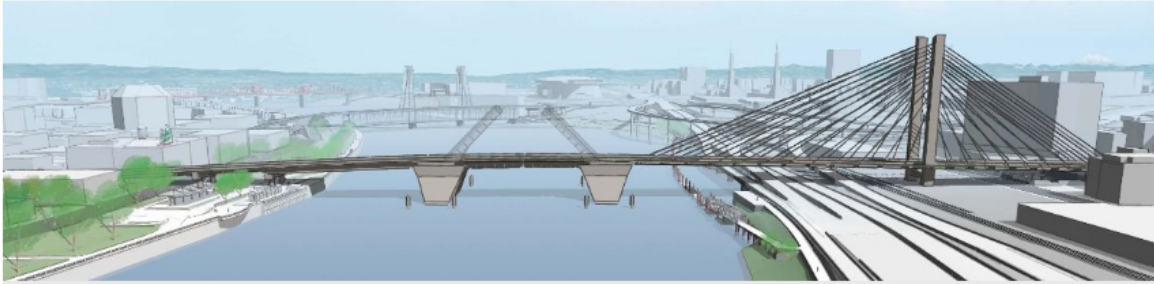
The project team proposes reducing the width of the bridge compared to the initial Preferred Alternative. The new bridge would be roughly the same width as the current bridge but with one less vehicle lane.

### **Refinement 2: Refined girder structure on west side**



Selecting a girder structure on the west side instead of a structure above the bridge would save the project \$20-40 million and have the least visual impact to the historic Old Town and Chinatown neighborhood and Skidmore District.

### Refinement 3: Movable span bridge type proposal



As part of the cost analysis, the project team found that the movable bascule option is expected to cost \$25-\$35 million less and provide more open views than the vertical lift option. It has been proposed to move forward into final design.

[Weigh in on the Refinements](#)

### Join the team for a virtual webinar!

Join the project team for a virtual webinar on **December 1, 2021 from 5-6 p.m. PST.**

The webinar will be held over [Zoom](#) and livestreamed on [YouTube](#) (please note you will only be able to submit questions to the project team if you are logged into the Zoom session).

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