



Bridgeton Neighborhood Association Spring General Meeting | DRAFT Notes

April 25, 2024 | Portland Yacht Club

6:00 Networking | Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 pm

6:34 **Welcome and Introductions** – Bridget

Board; Volunteers for Adopt One Block, Clean-Up, Communications Team

Announcements – Portland Food Project – Katy Ailstock

Spring Clean-Up May 18 with Habitat; MCCD Newsletter sign up

Land Acknowledgement – Barbara Miller

6:44 Howard Valenta introduces program and speakers

Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Project – Casey Lyles, Program Delivery Manager & Fabian Hidalgo Guerra, Community Engagement Team

Purpose and need – six elements: safety, impaired freight, congestion, earthquake vulnerability, bike/pedestrian paths. General overview and justification:

https://www.interstatebridge.org/media/mvko00kt/why-now-factsheet_1-25-24.pdf

Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and detailed program maps:

<https://www.interstatebridge.org/nextsteps>. Design options - moveable span (steel girder); single span (extradosed); double-deck/stacked (truss)

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is expected later this year. Following the release of the Draft SEIS, a 60-day public comment period will open.

<https://www.interstatebridge.org/DraftSEIS>

Q&A – Three through lanes + 1 or 2 auxiliary lanes in each direction

Bridge design – SEIS has no preference; moveable span ups cost by \$500M

Bridge height – 116' fixed (same as former CRC); if moveable 178' and 100' fixed; still impacts river users; three navigation channels – high point at current wide span. Note current bridge has 10 pilings and new would have 6.

Studies re: one or two auxiliary lanes (in each direction), local access – arterial bridge, partial interchange

Floating homes under path of bridge – to be addressed in SEIS

Access to I-5 S from Bridgeton would be near Jubitz; to Kenton near Expo Center

7:37 Next steps – see website above; identify number of floating homes impacted.

7:40 **Levee Safety** – Mark Wilcox, Mark Wilson, Multnomah County Drainage District, Project Manager; Winston Sandino and Nicholas Brown, PBOT

- Ballot measure in May – would cover 1/3 of cost; match beyond Bridgeton – PEN2, 4 drainage districts (non-Federal partner), state, city, METRO

- Maps and more info: <https://leveereadycolumbia.org/>. Project RR bridge to Troutdale
- Flood infrastructure – 27 miles of levee; 12 pump stations; 45 mi slough, pipes and ditches; protects 13k acres
- Risks – \$7.4 B property values, 60k jobs, 2000 acres/parks, 8000 residents, 20 M people through PDX, drinking water for 1 M people, 3 major highways
- Upgrades needed for certification – reduced National Flood Insurance rates
- Levee project – cost share with US Army Corps of Engineers (65% of est. \$135 M in 2023)
- July 1 will see integration of 4 drainage districts
- PEN 1 has highest probability of failure, not built to safety standards; PEN2 is most susceptible to overtopping
- Would raise Bridgeton Rd/Marine Dr by 18” with sections of 24” flood wall.
- Design considerations – flood fighting, operability, engineering performance, utility relocations, access to homes, traffic/emergency vehicles, parking, aesthetics, vulnerability to accidents/vandalism, environmental/cultural impacts, mitigation of temporary construction impact
- Collaboration with IBR to improve efficiencies, reduce redundancies, reduce timeline and costs
- Timeline – concepts in 2025; pump stations targeted for 2026; Bridgeton at the earliest Summer 2028
- Take the survey
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAHv9N27xw70v0o0bRs3H3majQc47IoC0hJiWMIvQqGzcuzA/viewform>

Q&A – Underground utilities – research continues; also with City; may require a local improvement district; currently deemed non-essential

Will PEN2 rates go up for those who are already taxed on levee? Yes, ballot measure asks for 11 cents per \$1000 value – but would spread costs to residents within urban Multnomah County. See:

<https://www.floodsafecolumbia.org/bondmeasure>

Complete 40-mile loop trail (multi-user path 33rd to Kelly Point)

Proposed public kayak launch, park with river access west of Bridgeton

8:35 Adjourn