

Meeting: Land Use & Transportation Committee

Date: October 21, 2024 – MONDAY

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: 3534 SE Main Street

Remote Access (Webinar ID: 946 5803 9953):

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94658039953

Meeting Agenda

7:00 Welcome and Introductions

Review the meeting rules of conduct.

7:05 **Points of Interest**

Members report on items of interest.

7:15 <u>Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact</u>

Statement (SEIS)

Lead: Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Leadership

Background: The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program is a bridge, transit, and highway improvement project lead by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. It is our region's largest transportation investment in half a century with an estimated cost of \$5 to \$7.5 billion.

The IBR Program supplements the I-5 Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Final Environmental Impact Statement from 2011 as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CRC was suspended in 2014 before being revitalized in 2021. The IBR Program focuses on a 5-mile corridor between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, addressing bridge design, transit, active transportation, and highway improvements to enhance safety and mobility for this critical connection.

Status: The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been published and public comment is being collected through November 18th as the final step in the NEPA process. The Draft SEIS analyzes several design options within the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) against a No-Build Alternative. It includes variable-rate tolling, a new pair of Columbia River bridges, 1.9 miles of light rail extension, wider highway shoulders, streamlined travel on I-5, active transportation considerations, changes to seven I-5 interchanges, and more. Comment period is September 20, 2024, to November 18, 2024.

Purpose: The Draft SEIS invites community feedback to refine the final analysis and shape the design. This is the final public comment opportunity to provide input on a once-in-a-lifetime project. The Final SEIS and Record of Decision are anticipated later next year.



8:15 **Testimony Preparation for I5BR**

Lead: Je Amaechi, Just Crossing Alliance & SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition

Not sure where to begin with the thousands of pages included in the IBR Program Draft SEIS and Technical Reports? Join SE Uplift and the Just Crossing Alliance to discuss the project and make your voice heard.

The IBR Program will reshape our community for generations. Let's make sure it works for everyone. The Just Crossing Alliance is a partnership of community groups, which includes SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition, that have endorsed a set of values including sustainable, fiscal responsibility, racial equity, and environmental commitments to meet regional needs.

They have developed tools to support development of your public comment and generate testimony talking points.

9:00 Meeting Adjourned

Documents:

Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (website)

- Draft SEIS
- All Technical Reports
- Corridor Roll Map

Just Crossing Alliance (website)

- JCA Organizing Directory
- IBR Comment Form Just Crossing Alliance
 - o Public Comment Archive Just Crossing Alliance
- IBR Public Comment Toolkit Signup

SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition (website)

- Past LUTC Meeting Notes SE Uplift
- LUTC Committee Charter SE Uplift
- <u>LUTC Meeting Rules of Conduct SE Uplift</u>