

COUNCIL WORK SESSION STAFF REPORT
I-5 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM REGULAR UPDATE: MODIFIED LOCALLY
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Date: May 5, 2022

Department: Planning, Development, and
Research

Meeting Date: May 12, 2022

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Presenter(s): Margi Bradway, Deputy
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Green, I-5 Bridge Replacement Program (IBR)
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Length: 40 minutes

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: Provide Metro Council with an update on the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program (IBR) (Frank Green).
- Review the modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), including bridge lanes, tolling, Hayden Island/Marine Drive interchange, high capacity transit mode, alignment, and stations (John Willis).
- Outcomes:
 - Metro Council understands the components of the modified LPA.
 - Metro Council understands next steps for LPA endorsement.
 - Metro Council has the information it needs to begin considering Conditions of Approval.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

RECENT BACKGROUND – I-5 Bridge Replacement Program Milestones

The IBR is working with the partners to develop a modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) with project components that reflect changes since the Columbia River Crossing LPA was approved over a decade ago. The modified LPA will be brought to the project's Community Advisory Group (CAG), Equity Advisory Group (EAG), the Executive Steering Group (ESG), and then to a Bi-state Legislative Committee for review and recommendation.

The modified LPA will be presented to the eight local participating agencies for endorsement, with Metro Council asked to consider it by late June or early July 2022. The other seven local participating agencies include the City of Portland, TriMet, and the Port of Portland in Oregon; and RTC, the City of Vancouver, C-Tran, and the Port of Vancouver in Washington. This meeting culminates the regular project updates to the Council on LPA components, and prepares the Council for its next meeting to consider endorsement of the modified LPA.

Anticipated Schedule for LPA Briefings and Adoption – dates subject to change

May 12	Metro Council Work Session to Discuss Modified LPA, Conditions of Approval
May 25	TriMet Board of Directors: Modified LPA briefing
May/June	Portland City Council advisory committee meetings
June 3	TPAC Meeting: IBR LPA Resolution
June 6	Vancouver City Council workshop: Review draft resolution on modified LPA
June 7	RTC Board of Directors: Modified LPA briefing
Early June	Portland City Council: Endorse Modified LPA
June 14	CTAN Board of Directors: Modified LPA briefing
June 15	Port of Portland Board of Commissioners: Modified LPA briefing
June 16	JPACT: Endorse Modified LPA

June 22	TriMet Board of Directors: Endorse Modified LPA
June 27	Vancouver City Council: Endorse Modified LPA
June 28	Port of Vancouver Board of Directors: Share and endorse Modified LPA
June 29	Portland City Council: Endorse Modified LPA
June 30 or July 7(tentative)	Metro Council: Endorse Modified LPA
July 5	RTC Board of Directors: Endorse Modified LPA
July 12	CTran Board of Directors: Endorse Modified LPA
July 13	Port of Portland: Endorse Modified LPA

Modified Locally Preferred Alternative Components

John Willis will describe the components for the modified LPA for Council to consider. The modified LPA will define the preferred project's high capacity transit mode, the number of lanes included on new bridge over the Columbia River, the interchange configuration at Hayden Island/Marine Drive, whether there will be a replacement of the North Portland Harbor Bridge, and the confirmation of tolling on the Interstate 5 bridge.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does Council have questions about the components of the modified LPA?
- Does Council have questions about the overall LPA process and Metro's role?
- Does Council have questions about its next steps in considering the modified LPA?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? None