

Interstate Bridge Replacement Update



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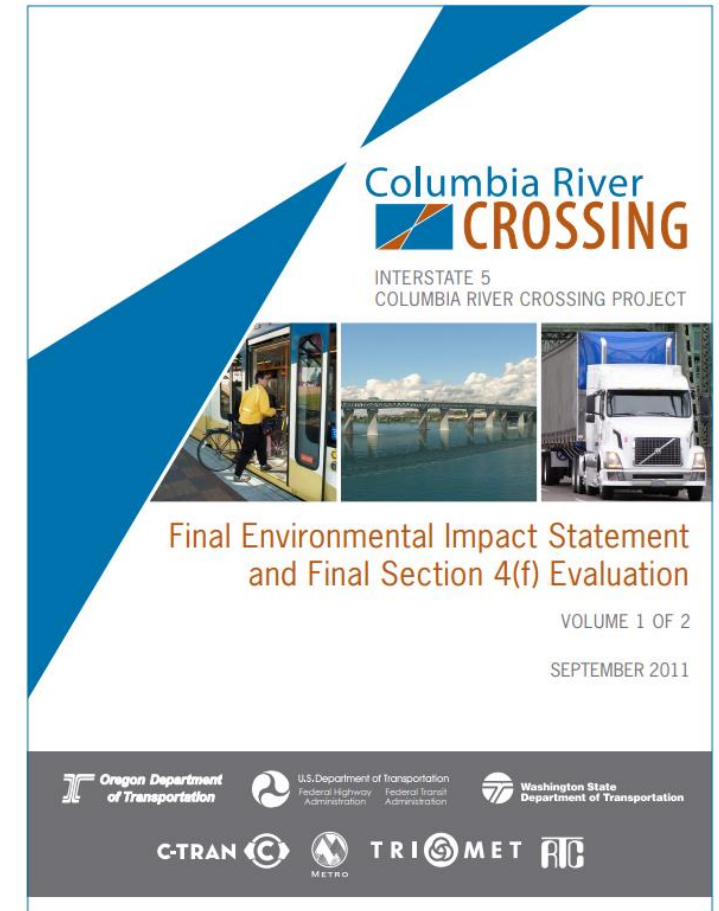
Regional Long-Range Planning

- **1999-2000:** Bi-State Transportation Committee
 - Freight Feasibility and Needs Assessment Final Report recommended developing a strategic plan for the I-5 Trade Corridor
- **2001-2002:** Portland/Vancouver I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership
 - Strategic Plan developed through 26-member Task Force
 - Identified I-5 corridor from Columbia Blvd in OR to SR 500 in WA as one of 5 critical projects (only one not completed or funded)



Previous Project Development (2005-2014)

- Extensive community engagement resulted in Locally Preferred Alternative in 2008
 - Adopted by 39-member Task Force and endorsed by local program partners, including Metro Council
- Federal Record of Decision received Dec. 2011
- Finance plan anticipated funding from OR & WA states, FTA New Starts and tolling revenue borrowing
 - Industry analysis determined tolling could support up to \$1.57 billion for construction



Previously Identified Purpose and Need



- Growing travel demand and congestion
- Safety
- Impaired freight movement
- Limited public transportation
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Seismic vulnerability

Restarting Interstate Bridge Replacement Efforts

Substitute Senate Bill 5806 passed by WA State Legislature in 2017:

- Inventory report documenting previous bridge replacement planning work
- Extended an invitation to Oregon Legislature to formally participate in bi-state legislative engagement on bridge replacement efforts
 - As of August 2019, eight legislators from each state have been identified to serve on this group



Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Funding



- Both WA and OR committed funding in 2019 to restart bi-state bridge replacement work:
 - **\$35** million allocated in the WA 2019-2021 transportation budget (HB 1160)
 - **\$9** million approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission
- It is assumed that bridge replacement planning costs will be shared equally between the states

Recent Activity



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- FHWA granted an extension on repayment of federal funds previously spent on past planning efforts until Sept. 30, 2024
- OR and WA governors signed bi-state Memorandum of Intent to restart work to replace the Interstate Bridge on Nov. 18, 2019
- Dec. 2019 status report submitted to governors and transportation committees
- Bi-state legislative group held three public meetings in 2019

Initiating Work: Conceptual Timeline



Initiating Work

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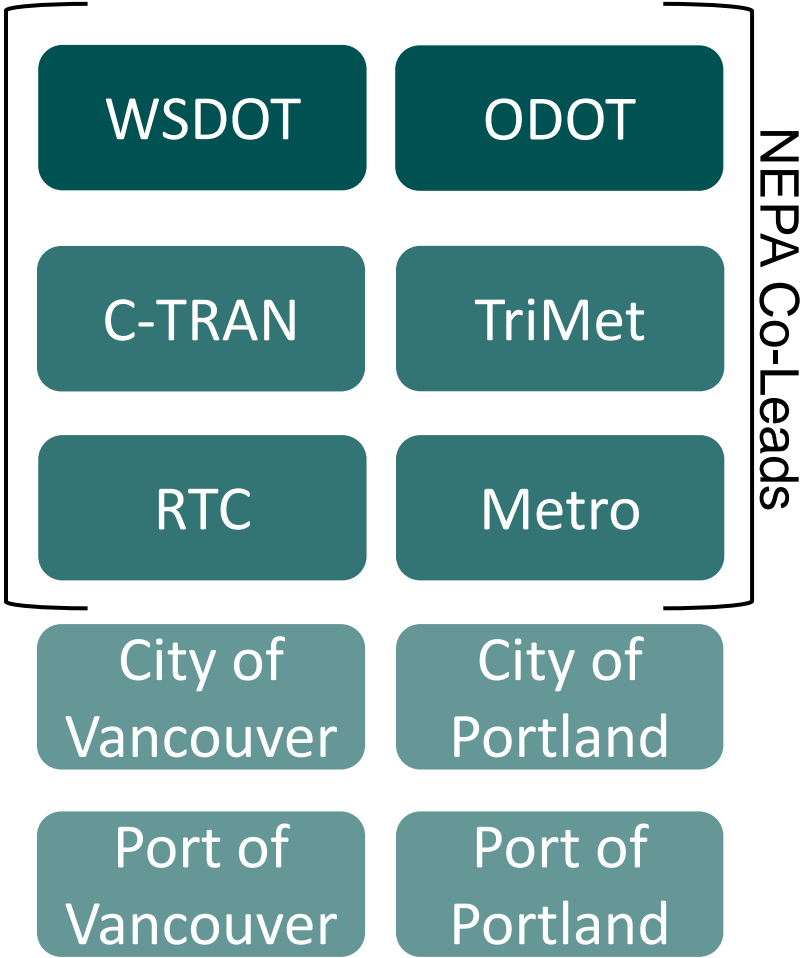
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Facilitated Partnering Process

- Current efforts are focused on establishing a program office and reengaging partners
- ODOT and WSDOT have hired an independent facilitator to guide a collaborative process with bi-state partners to:
 - Clarify roles and responsibilities
 - Develop a process to ensure informed decision making, offer policy guidance, and provide regional perspectives

Facilitated Process Participants



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Stakeholder Reengagement



- Local Partner Agencies
- Bi-State Legislative Engagement
- Other Agencies and Governments
- Public and Interested Parties

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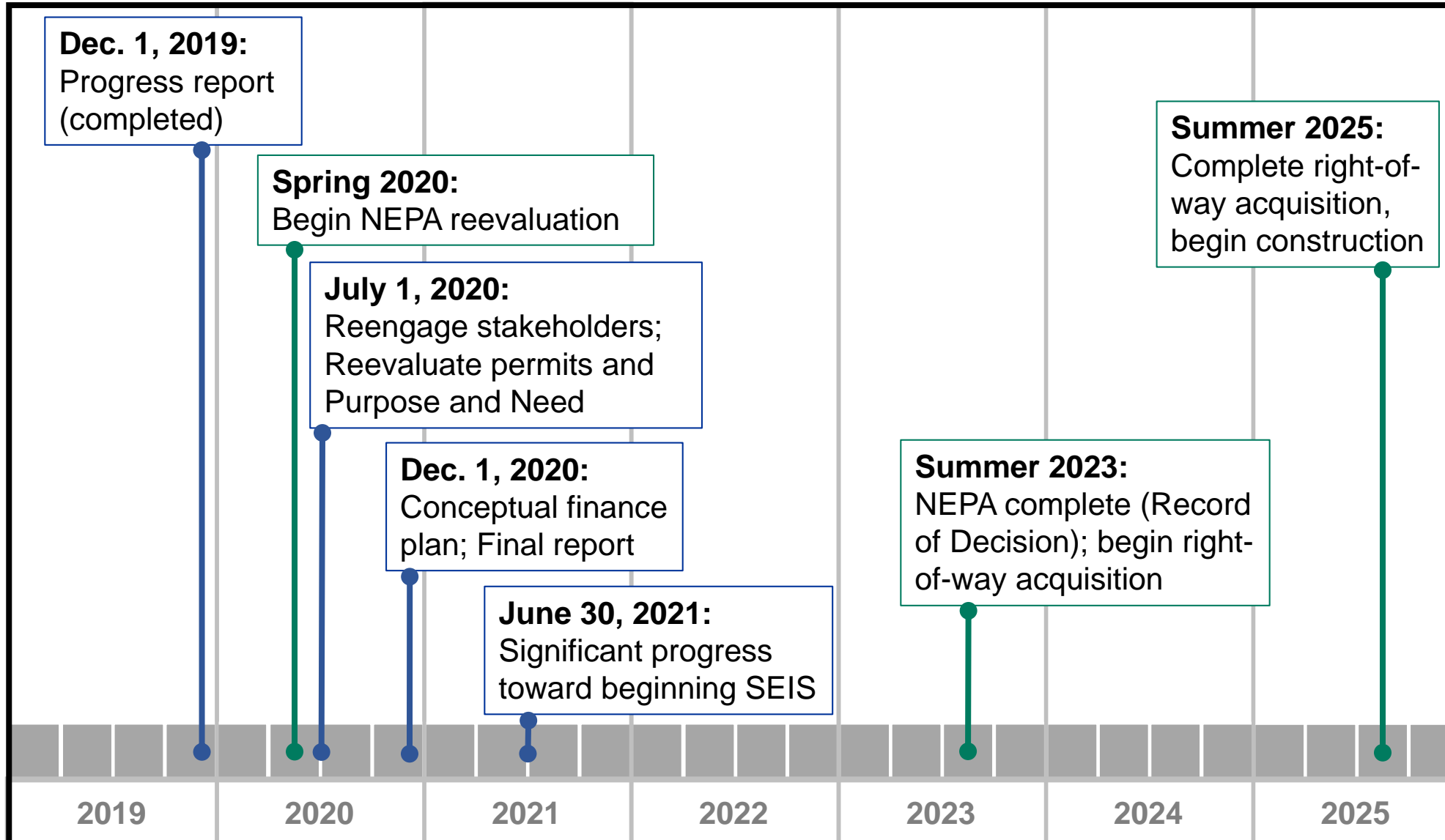
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Interstate Bridge Replacement Milestone Goals



 **Legislative Milestone**

 **Milestones Provided to FHWA**

Note:
Meeting milestone dates is contingent upon funding and bi-state agreement

Questions?

www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/interstate-bridge/home

