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# **MERC Commission Meeting**

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May 4, 2022  
12:30 pm

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Oregon Convention Center  
Room D136

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# Metro respects civil rights

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## Thông báo về sự Metro không kỳ thị của

Metro tôn trọng dân quyền. Muốn biết thêm thông tin về chương trình dân quyền của Metro, hoặc muốn lấy đơn khiếu nại về sự kỳ thị, xin xem trong [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên ra dấu bằng tay, trợ giúp về tiếp xúc hay ngôn ngữ, xin gọi số 503-797-1890 (từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều vào những ngày thường) trước buổi họp 5 ngày làm việc.

## Повідомлення Metro про заборону дискримінації

Metro з повагою ставиться до громадянських прав. Для отримання інформації про програму Metro із захисту громадянських прав або форми скарги про дискримінацію відвідайте сайт [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights) або Якщо вам потрібен перекладач на зборах, для задоволення вашого запиту зателефонуйте за номером 503-797-1890 з 8.00 до 17.00 у робочі дні за п'ять робочих днів до зборів.

## Metro 的不歧视公告

尊重民權。欲瞭解Metro民權計畫的詳情，或獲取歧視投訴表，請瀏覽網站 [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights)。如果您需要口譯方可參加公共會議，請在會議召開前5個營業日撥打503-797-1890（工作日上午8點至下午5點），以便我們滿足您的要求。

## Ogeysiiska takooris la'aanta ee Metro

Metro waxay ixtiraamtaa xuquuqda madaniga. Si aad u heshid macluumaad ku saabsan barnaamijka xuquuqda madaniga ee Metro, ama aad u heshid warqadda ka cabashada takoorista, booqo [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Haddii aad u baahan tahay turjubaan si aad uga qaybqaadatid kullan dadweyne, wac 503-797-1890 (8 gallinka hore illaa 5 gallinka dambe maalmaha shaqada) shan maalmo shaqa ka hor kullanka si loo tixgaliyo codsashadaada.

## Metro 의 차별 금지 관련 통지서

Metro의 시민권 프로그램에 대한 정보 또는 차별 항의서 양식을 얻으려면, 또는 차별에 대한 불만을 신고 할 수 [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). 당신의 언어 지원이 필요한 경우, 회의에 앞서 5 영업일 (오후 5시 주중에 오전 8시) 503-797-1890를 호출합니다.

## Metro の差別禁止通知

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[www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights)។  
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## Metro 的民事权利

Metro 完全遵守 1964 年《民权法案》第六号及相关法律法规，禁止歧视。如果有人认为自己因种族、肤色、国籍、性别、年龄或残疾而在接受福利或服务方面受到歧视，他们有权向 Metro 提出投诉。有关 Metro 的民事权利计划，或获取歧视投诉表，请访问 [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights) 网站或拨打 503-813-7514。Metro 将根据请求为残疾人及需要在公共会议上使用手语、沟通辅助或语言协助的人士提供服务和便利。如需手语翻译、沟通辅助或语言协助，请拨打 503-797-1890 或 TDD/TTY 503-797-1804（周一至周五上午 8 点至下午 5 点），至少在会议前 5 个工作日。所有 Metro 会议均设有轮椅通道。如需获取最新的公共交通信息，请访问 TriMet 网站 [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org)。

## Paunawa ng Metro sa kawalan ng diskriminasyon

Iginagalang ng Metro ang mga karapatang sibil. Para sa impormasyon tungkol sa programa ng Metro sa mga karapatang sibil, o upang makakuha ng porma ng reklamo sa diskriminasyon, bisitahin ang [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Kung kailangan ninyo ng interpreter ng wika sa isang pampublikong pulong, tumawag sa 503-797-1890 (8 a.m. hanggang 5 p.m. Lunes hanggang Biyernes) lima araw ng trabaho bago ang pulong upang mapagbigyan ang inyong kahilingan. Notificación de no discriminación de Metro.

## Notificación de no discriminación de Metro

Metro respeta los derechos civiles. Para obtener información sobre el programa de derechos civiles de Metro o para obtener un formulario de reclamo por discriminación, ingrese a [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Si necesita asistencia con el idioma, llame al 503-797-1890 (de 8:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m. los días de semana) 5 días laborales antes de la asamblea.

## Уведомление о недопущении дискриминации от Metro

Metro уважает гражданские права. Узнать о программе Metro по соблюдению гражданских прав и получить форму жалобы о дискриминации можно на веб-сайте [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Если вам нужен переводчик на общественном собрании, оставьте свой запрос, позвонив по номеру 503-797-1890 в рабочие дни с 8:00 до 17:00 и за пять рабочих дней до даты собрания.

## Avizul Metro privind nediscriminarea

Metro respectă drepturile civile. Pentru informații cu privire la programul Metro pentru drepturi civile sau pentru a obține un formular de reclamație împotriva discriminării, vizitați [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret de limbă la o ședință publică, sunați la 503-797-1890 (între orele 8 și 5, în timpul zilelor lucrătoare) cu cinci zile lucrătoare înainte de ședință, pentru a putea să vă răspunde în mod favorabil la cerere.

## Metro txoj kev ntxub ntxaug daim ntaxw ceeb toom

Metro tributes cai. Rau cov lus qhia txog Metro txoj cai kev pab, los yog kom sau ib daim ntaxw tsis txaus siab, mus saib [www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/civilrights). Yog hais tias koj xav tau lus kev pab, hu rau 503-797-1890 (8 teev saww ntxov txog 5 teev tsaus ntu) weekdays) 5 hnub ua hauj lwm ua ntej ntaxw lub rooj sib tham.





## Meeting Agenda

May 4, 2022

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center – Room D136

Zoom | Webinar ID: 862 6226 6378

Karis Stoudamire-Phillips  
Chair

John Erickson  
Vice chair

Deidra Krys-Rusoff  
Secretary-treasurer

Damien Hall

Dañel Malán

David Martinez

Deanna Palm

**12:30 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**12:35 Citizen Communication**

**12:40 Commission / Council Liaison Communications**

**12:45 General Manager Communications**  
Steve Faulstick

**12:55 Financial Update**  
Brian Kennedy

**1:00 p.m. Venue Business Reports**  
Matthew P. Rotchford, Craig Stroud, Robyn Williams

**1:15 Consent Agenda**

- Record of MERC Actions, April 6, 2022

**1:20 Interstate Bridge Replacement Project Update**  
Margi Bradway, Matt Bihn and Alex Oreschak

**2:00 p.m. Expo Development Opportunity Study Update**  
Paul Slyman, Chuck Gallagher, and Lauren Everett

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# **MERC Commission Meeting**

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Financial Report

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Date: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
To: Commissioner Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Chair  
Commissioner John Erickson, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Deidra Krys-Rusoff, Secretary-Treasurer  
Commissioner Damien Hall  
Commissioner Dañel Malán  
Commissioner Deanna Palm  
Councilor Christine Lewis  
From: Katie Shifley – MERC Finance Manager  
Subject: March 2022 Financial Update

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March 2022 close data and year-end projections are provided by venue, below. Each venue's spring event revenue forecasts have been updated to align with changes to the event schedule as well as staffing plans for this spring.

OCC's year-end projections have improved slightly since last month, with strong revenues posted in March. OCC has done a laudable job bringing revenues and expenses closer into alignment through the course of the year. Inclusive of the \$2 million technical adjustment discussed last month, OCC is projected to end the year with a net increase to total fund balance.

P'5 year-end projections have improved slightly since last month, with March posting the strongest event revenues so far this year. A handful of Hamilton shows had to be canceled due to a flu outbreak during April, but the financial impact was somewhat mitigated by the fact that cancellations occurred during subscriber week. Regarding the Schnitzer sewer project, Metro staff have updated the project cost based to \$1.5 million to \$1.8 million in accordance with consultant estimates, as much as a third of which will be incurred this fiscal year.

Expo financial projections have not changed substantially since last month, and updated projections continue to suggest a relatively robust month for April. Expo is moving forward with a handful of key recruitments this spring, which are assumed in the expense projections.

# MERC Statement of Activity with Annual Budget

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

Oregon Convention Center

March 2022

	YTD Actuals		Annual Budget	Year-End by QTR				
	March 2022	Year to Date		Q1 - Actuals	Q2 - Actuals	Q3 - Actuals	Q4 - Projection	Full Year
<b>Operations</b>								
Charges for Services	2,120,197	9,099,370	14,162,411	1,346,268	3,719,840	4,033,262	4,221,201	13,320,571
Local Government Shared Revenues	1,024,965	6,608,721	9,991,245	1,018,918	3,339,561	2,250,242	4,113,675	10,722,397
Contributions from Private Sources	-	200,000	-	-	-	200,000	-	200,000
Grants	-	2,640	-	1,000	300	1,340	-	2,640
Interest Earnings	7,860	67,392	160,000	20,660	24,576	22,156	21,000	88,392
Miscellaneous Revenue	623	93,778	9,331	69,641	18,701	5,437	-	93,778
Transfers-R	-	2,128,592	-	-	-	2,128,592	-	2,128,592
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,153,645</b>	<b>18,200,494</b>	<b>24,322,987</b>	<b>2,456,486</b>	<b>7,102,978</b>	<b>8,641,029</b>	<b>8,355,876</b>	<b>26,556,370</b>
Personnel Services	652,351	5,459,763	9,380,055	1,452,202	2,110,278	1,897,284	2,521,680	7,981,443
Materials and Services	681,278	6,196,080	14,321,726	1,429,566	2,516,298	2,250,217	4,707,006	10,903,086
Transfers-E	444,961	4,004,649	5,339,565	1,334,883	1,334,883	1,334,883	1,334,883	5,339,532
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,778,590</b>	<b>15,660,492</b>	<b>29,041,346</b>	<b>4,216,650</b>	<b>5,961,458</b>	<b>5,482,383</b>	<b>8,563,569</b>	<b>24,224,061</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>1,375,055</b>	<b>2,540,002</b>	<b>(4,718,359)</b>	<b>(1,760,164)</b>	<b>1,141,520</b>	<b>3,158,646</b>	<b>(207,693)</b>	<b>2,332,309</b>
<b>Capital</b>								
Total Revenues	-	-	2,250,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	73,710	660,000	-	-	73,710	250,000	323,710
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(73,710)</b>	<b>1,590,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(73,710)</b>	<b>(250,000)</b>	<b>(323,710)</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,375,055</b>	<b>2,466,292</b>	<b>(3,128,359)</b>	<b>(1,760,164)</b>	<b>1,141,520</b>	<b>3,084,936</b>	<b>(457,693)</b>	<b>2,008,599</b>
Beginning Fund Balance - Operating		12,541,183	8,721,708	12,541,183	10,781,019	11,922,539	15,007,475	12,541,183
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>		<b>15,007,475</b>	<b>5,593,349</b>	<b>10,781,019</b>	<b>11,922,539</b>	<b>15,007,475</b>	<b>14,549,782</b>	<b>14,549,782</b>

Food & Beverage Restricted Capital Balance	2,250,000
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# MERC Statement of Activity with Annual Budget

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

Portland's Centers for the Arts

March 2022

	YTD Actuals		Annual Budget	Year-End by QTR				
	March 2022	Year to Date		Q1 - Actuals	Q2 - Actuals	Q3 - Projection	Q4 - Projection	Full Year
<b>Operations</b>								
Charges for Services	1,707,324	6,123,413	10,292,646	419,233	3,244,159	4,167,344	3,272,057	11,102,794
Local Government Shared Revenues	112,385	770,072	1,332,846	111,722	524,002	246,733	689,815	1,572,272
Contributions from Governments	-	499,471	1,006,827	-	499,471	-	499,471	998,942
Contributions from Private Sources	-	-	139,350	-	-	-	56,290	56,290
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	14,117	89,992	71,000	23,285	34,517	46,307	30,000	134,109
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,316	7,156	21,523	4,117	4,419	(64)	-	8,472
Transfers-R	-	136,794	290,000	72,498	-	64,296	-	136,794
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,835,142</b>	<b>7,626,898</b>	<b>13,154,192</b>	<b>630,855</b>	<b>4,306,568</b>	<b>4,524,616</b>	<b>4,547,633</b>	<b>14,009,673</b>
Personnel Services	644,381	4,353,567	7,526,833	1,104,430	2,067,577	1,825,942	2,280,491	7,278,439
Materials and Services	504,410	3,865,312	4,893,947	1,101,337	2,098,822	1,169,562	1,581,116	5,950,838
Transfers-E	210,830	1,686,640	2,529,964	632,490	632,490	632,490	632,490	2,529,960
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,359,621</b>	<b>9,905,519</b>	<b>14,950,744</b>	<b>2,838,257</b>	<b>4,798,889</b>	<b>3,627,993</b>	<b>4,494,097</b>	<b>15,759,237</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>475,521</b>	<b>(2,278,621)</b>	<b>(1,796,552)</b>	<b>(2,207,403)</b>	<b>(492,321)</b>	<b>896,623</b>	<b>53,536</b>	<b>(1,749,564)</b>
<b>Capital</b>								
Total Revenues	-	150,726	500,000	310	416	150,000	-	150,726
Total Expenditures	15,054	949,465	2,360,000	310,569	270,633	368,263	922,745	1,872,210
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b>(15,054)</b>	<b>(798,739)</b>	<b>(1,860,000)</b>	<b>(310,259)</b>	<b>(270,217)</b>	<b>(218,263)</b>	<b>(922,745)</b>	<b>(1,721,484)</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>460,467</b>	<b>(3,077,360)</b>	<b>(3,656,552)</b>	<b>(2,517,661)</b>	<b>(762,538)</b>	<b>678,360</b>	<b>(869,209)</b>	<b>(3,471,048)</b>
Beginning Fund Balance - Operating		3,742,069	2,601,901	3,742,069	1,534,667	1,042,346	1,938,969	3,742,069
Beginning Fund Balance - Capital		2,041,798	1,860,000	2,041,798	1,731,539	1,461,322	1,243,059	2,041,798
<b>Total Ending Fund Balance</b>		<b>2,706,507</b>	<b>805,349</b>	<b>3,266,206</b>	<b>2,503,668</b>	<b>3,182,028</b>	<b>2,312,819</b>	<b>2,312,819</b>

Food & Beverage Restricted Capital Balance	500,000
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# MERC Statement of Activity with Annual Budget

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

Portland Expo Center

March 2022

	YTD Actuals		Annual Budget	Year-End by QTR				
	March 2022	Year to Date		Q1 - Actuals	Q2 - Actuals	Q3 - Actuals	Q4 - Projection	Full Year
<b>Operations</b>								
Charges for Services	525,689	3,203,273	3,475,557	592,189	853,868	1,757,217	1,098,837	4,302,111
Local Government Shared Revenues	-	-	287,500	-	-	-	287,500	287,500
Interest Earnings	980	9,810	10,000	3,704	3,935	2,171	-	9,810
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,348	59,838	24,946	(608)	36,309	24,136	12,500	72,338
Transfers-R	54,166	508,926	820,000	332,498	(7,502)	183,930	162,498	671,424
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>588,182</b>	<b>3,781,847</b>	<b>4,618,003</b>	<b>927,784</b>	<b>886,609</b>	<b>1,967,454</b>	<b>1,561,335</b>	<b>5,343,183</b>
Personnel Services	124,829	986,858	1,858,270	226,408	361,052	399,398	521,714	1,508,571
Materials and Services	183,221	1,353,989	1,790,218	334,100	519,848	500,042	734,007	2,087,996
Transfers-E	67,513	1,587,517	1,831,562	202,539	1,182,439	202,539	244,045	1,831,562
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>375,563</b>	<b>3,928,364</b>	<b>5,480,050</b>	<b>763,047</b>	<b>2,063,339</b>	<b>1,101,978</b>	<b>1,499,765</b>	<b>5,428,129</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>212,619</b>	<b>(146,517)</b>	<b>(862,047)</b>	<b>164,736</b>	<b>(1,176,729)</b>	<b>865,476</b>	<b>61,570</b>	<b>(84,947)</b>
<b>Capital</b>								
Total Revenues	-	-	540,000	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Total Expenditures	-	196,437	350,000	-	-	196,437	65,000	261,437
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(196,437)</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(196,437)</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>(221,437)</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>212,619</b>	<b>(342,953)</b>	<b>(672,047)</b>	<b>164,736</b>	<b>(1,176,729)</b>	<b>669,040</b>	<b>36,570</b>	<b>(306,383)</b>
Beginning Fund Balance - Operating		1,727,173	1,067,561	1,727,173	1,891,909	715,180	1,384,219	1,727,173
Beginning Fund Balance - Capital		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>		<b>1,384,219</b>	<b>395,514</b>	<b>1,891,909</b>	<b>715,180</b>	<b>1,384,219</b>	<b>1,420,789</b>	<b>1,500,789</b>

Food & Beverage Restricted Capital Balance	500,000
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# **MERC Commission Meeting**

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May 4, 2022  
12:30 pm

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Consent Agenda

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## Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

### Record of MERC Commission Actions

April 6, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

<b>Present:</b>	Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, John Erickson, Deidra Krys-Rusoff, Damien Hall, Deanna Palm
<b>Absent:</b>	Dañel Malan
	A regular meeting of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Stoudamire-Phillips at 12:33.
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Quorum Confirmed</b> A quorum of Commissioners was present.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steve Wenig, GM of the Oregon Symphony shared his thoughts and concerns around the P5 rental rate resolution.</li><li>• Laura Hassell, Producing Director for Portland Opera shared her thoughts and concerns around the P5 rental rate resolution.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Commission and Council Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Stoudamire-Phillips thanked P5 staff for inviting her to introduce the featured speaker, Dr. Alicia Odewale at the recent NatGeo event.</li><li>• Councilor Rosenthal shared about the recent ribbon cutting at Newell Creek Canyon Nature Park in Oregon City. Metro has recently purchased 53 acres in Killin Wetlands and around 30 acres at the confluence of Deep Creek and the Clackamas River. A few more ribbon cuttings were held for affordable housing openings in Hillsboro and Happy Valley. The Zoo is mourning the recent passing of Leah, a beloved, 47 year-old chimpanzee.</li></ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GM Communications</b> Steve Faulstick provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced Sarah Donovan as the new head of marketing and communication for the venues.</li><li>• Venue staff continue to be nimble as we navigate rolling back some COVID policies. Faulstick shared his great appreciation for venue leadership as they support their teams during continued challenging times.</li><li>• We will return to an in-person MERC meeting next month at the Oregon Convention Center.</li><li>• We will be introducing the new City of Portland MERC appointment, who will finish Ray Leary's term, at the May meeting.</li></ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Financial Report</b> Katie Shifley presented a financial update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff asked for an update on how recent COVID-related funds have been applied. Shifley responded that there are currently working through the shuttered venue operator grant and identifying eligible expenses, and expect to have the 10 million listed on the P5 fund balance by the end of this fiscal year.</li><li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff asked for an update on the Schnitzer. Shifley responded that the City of Portland Budget Office did recommend approval of 700k in funding for FY23. The Mayor will announce the proposed budget in early May so we will have more info at that time.</li><li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff congratulated the Expo team on an outstanding month.</li></ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Venue Business Reports</b> Matthew P. Rotchford, Craig Stroud and Robyn Williams reported on business at the venues during the past month.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff asked about the search for a new Expo parking director. Rotchford responded that we received limited applicants from the FOTA pool in our initial posting. We continue our recruitment and noted there are a few internal applicants.</li> <li>• Commissioner Erickson asked about the sales volume generated by the RV show to help gain insight to economic development. Rotchford will reach out to the show manager for some generalized information across the event.</li> </ul>
7.0	<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Record of MERC Actions, March 2, 2022</b></li> </ul> <p><b>A motion was made by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Palm to approve the Consent Agenda.</b></p> <p><b>VOTING: AYE: 5 (Stoudamire-Phillips, Erickson, Krys-Rusoff, Hall, and Palm)</b>  <b>NAY: 0</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Action Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resolution 22-04 For the purpose of adopting community-developed Guiding Principles for the Portland Expo Center Development Opportunity Study</b> Paul Slyman</li> <li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff commented on the thoughtfulness of the work around establishing the community values.</li> </ul> <p><b>A motion was made by Commissioner Krys-Rusoff and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution 22-04.</b></p> <p><b>VOTING: AYE: 5 (Stoudamire-Phillips, Erickson, Krys-Rusoff, Hall, and Palm)</b>  <b>NAY: 0</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 22-04 APPROVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resolution 22-05 For the Purpose of approving rental rates for three years for Portland’s Centers for the Arts (Portland’s) beginning in fiscal year, 2022/2023 through 2024/2025.</b> Robyn Williams</li> <li>• Commissioner Erickson asked if the ticket prices charged by our users have increased more than our 3% annual charge. Williams is unable to answer as the arts groups prefer to control and sell their own tickets.</li> <li>• Commissioner Krys-Rusoff shared that as the budget chair she advises that something needs to happen in order to continue to operate and run the venues. Our commitment to pay equity and being an employer of choice coupled with our aging buildings, as well as inflation and general cost increases necessitate rate increases as our operating margins are shrinking.</li> <li>• Commissioner Hall acknowledged the hardship on local arts groups and urged them to collaborate with venue leadership to help advocate to find ways to address some of the structural costs. Collectively working as partners to exert influence to identify funds could change the trajectory of continued cost increases.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Palm acknowledged the unfortunate timing of this decision, but noted this is a necessary step to ensure that local arts groups have a home in the future. She reminded commissioners that as we are faced with cost increases, we may need to consider sliding some of the increase to our customers in the future.</li> <li>• Chair Stoudamire-Phillips acknowledged the difficult decision before them and stated ultimately it is the Commissions responsibility is to take care of our venues and ensure they are generating revenue.</li> </ul> <p><b>A motion was made by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Palm to approve Resolution 22-05.</b></p> <p><b>VOTING: AYE: 5 (Stoudamire-Phillips, Erickson, Krys-Rusoff, Hall and Palm)</b>  <b>NAY: 0</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 22-05 APPROVED</b></p>
	<p><b>Travel Portland Quarterly Report</b>  James Jesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No questions asked.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><b>Expo Development Opportunity Study update</b> – <i>rescheduled to the May meeting due to the meeting running over time.</i></p>
	<p>As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. p.m.</p>
<p><b>9.0</b></p>	<p><b>Executive Session:</b> under ORS 192.660(3) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to conduct labor relations</p>

Minutes submitted by Amy Nelson.

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# **MERC Commission Meeting**

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May 4, 2022  
12:30 pm

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Interstate Bridge Replacement  
Project Update

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# **MERC Commission Meeting**

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May 4, 2022  
12:30 pm

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Expo Development Opportunity  
Study Update

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Date: April 26, 2022  
To: MERC Commissioners  
From: Paul Slyman, Project Sponsor  
Subject: Expo Futures: Expo Development Opportunity Study Monthly Update

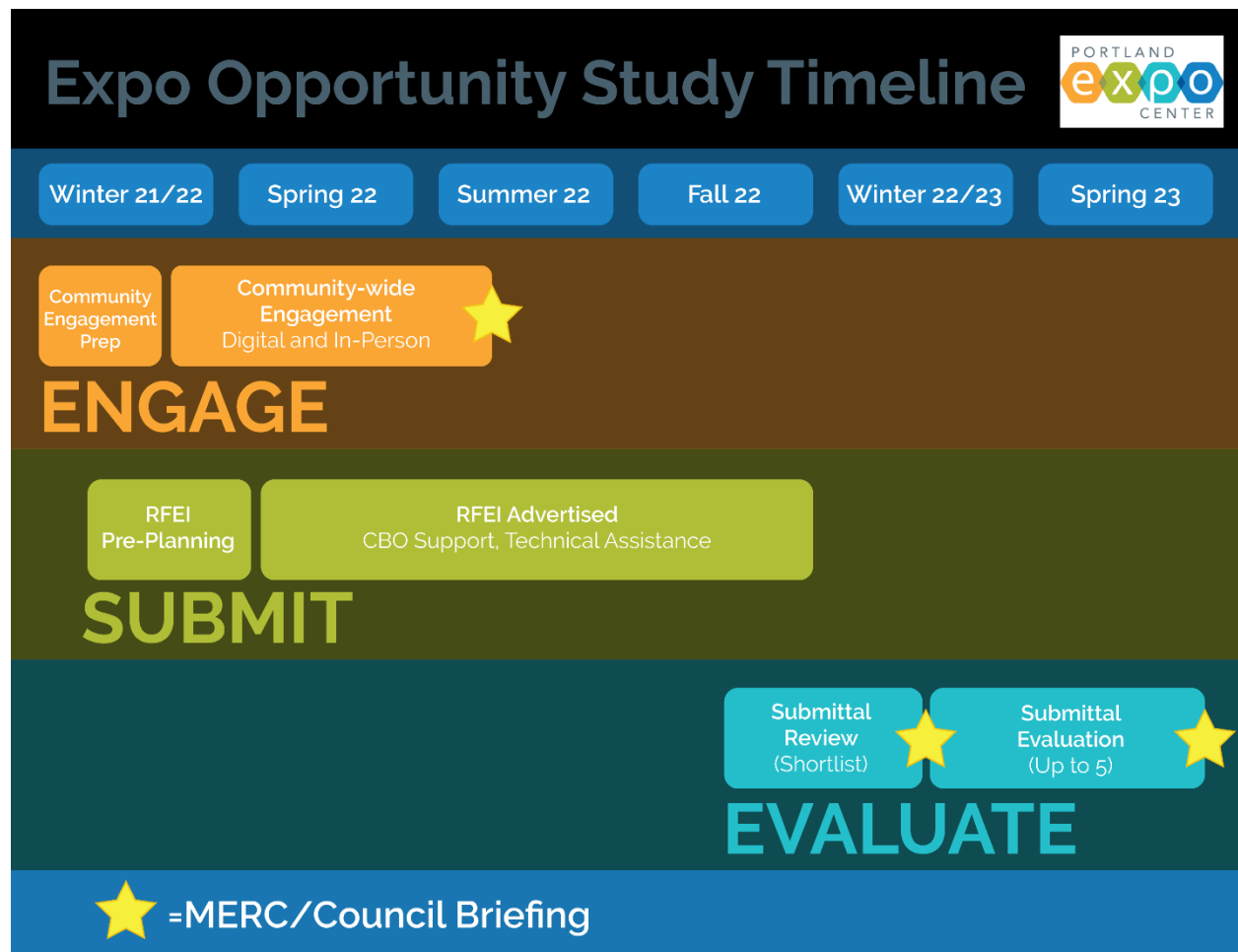
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Chair Stoudamire-Phillips, MERC Commissioners, and Councilor Lewis:

Thank you for your continued support, leadership and interest in the Expo Development Opportunity Study. We have made a lot of progress since our report to you last month and I'm pleased to share the following updates:

**Guiding Principles**

Thank you for the unanimous support of the Expo DOS Community-generated Guiding Principles adopted by Resolution at your April 6 meeting. We are very excited to bring these to Metro Council for consideration at their May 5 Meeting. It is through these Guiding Principles that community and partner voices are made real during the implementation of the RFEI.



## **Project Staffing Changes**

I might as well get the difficult part of this month's report finished early—we are unfortunately experiencing significant staffing changes on the project. You have likely learned of the departures of Metro staff Katie Shifley, Sarah Donovan, Lauren Everett (Lauren will be staying in Metro's Planning and Development dept) and Chuck Gallagher. They are off to new opportunities and adventures and we wish them well. We still have work ahead to determine how their work will be filled.

## **Project Timeline Progress**

### **1. Engage the community and potential partners**

Our new website is complete and Lauren will give you a brief overview at your meeting. In addition to updated content, and information for partners and the general public, it includes three important features—an introductory video, resources for potential partners, and a community survey.

The survey questions will allow us to hear more thoughts from community members and partners, learn more about their desires for Expo, and share important historical and cultural information. We will be distributing the survey using a number of channels, including Metro's social media platforms in combination with community-based organizations and their networks. We will also issue a press release announcing the launch of the website and survey.

We have sent communication to six Tribal Governments; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla (CTUIR); Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR); Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI); Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (CTBYN); Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS); and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe (CTI), to ask them how they would like to be engaged in this work and if they would like more information. Three of these tribes are new to the Expo DOS (CTBYN, CTWS and CIT) and received a formal invitation from President Peterson earlier this year.

We recently learned that Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have a consultant who's reached out for a meeting with us to catch up on the project and learn more about next steps and how the Tribe could continue to stay involved. We are scheduled to meet with them in mid-May with Metro's Tribal Policy Advisor Katie McDonald.

### **2. Submit quality proposals for review**

We are in the final stages of providing documents and background information to Cascadia as part of their "partner resources" information. This will be a compendium of recent and historic documents to assist potential partners in their research needs.

We are refining our timelines to ensure that time is allotted for internal review of documents that come to us from our consultant Cascadia Partners without undue delay to the overall project.

We have meetings planned with City of Portland to discuss regulatory, service, and conditional use implications associated with possible development scenarios, which information is intended to supplement existing information and aid the RFQ process.



We will share the final-draft RFEI with our Steering Committee Councilor Lewis, Commissioner Krysrusoff, Commissioner Hall, Andrew Scott and Matthew Rotchford before it is released. Final release will be determined by COO Marissa Madrigal.

### 3. **Evaluate** the proposals with Guiding Principles

Our Expo DOS Community Review Process has been established, beginning with a **Completeness Review** by Metro Staff, then a **Financial Review**. Submissions that are complete and contain viable financial information will then pass to the **Community Review** Committee:

1. Ed Washington, former Metro Council member, Community Liaison for Diversity Initiatives & Inclusion for PSU
2. Lynn Fuchigami-Parks, Former Executive Director, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
3. Paul Lumley, Executive Director NAYA
4. Terrance Moses, Kenton Neighborhood Association Chair
5. Tony DeFalco, Executive Director, Latino Network
6. David Van't Hof, Senior Fellow, Climate Solutions
7. Stephen Green, Entrepreneur, Founder Pitch Black and COO, A Kids Company About

We will also seek review of top submittals through our local **Government Partners**, including:  
Eric Engstrom, Principal Planner, Planning and Sustainability, City of Portland  
Amy Nagy, Development Manager, Prosper Portland  
Ken Anderton, Industrial Development, Senior Management, Port of Portland  
Colin Sears, Regional Development Officer, Business Oregon

Submittals will also be made available to **Tribal Governments** that do not submit an RFEI to get the benefit of their review and feedback.

### 4. **Downstream Economic** benefits of shows at Expo

With the assistance of Expo Center staff, Crossroads Consulting has finalized a survey tool that will be used to estimate the downstream economic benefits that accrue to vendors that participate in shows at Expo. This is in response to MERC Commissioners' requests to better understand how Expo shows create business opportunities and wealth creation for small, disadvantaged and minority-owned Oregon businesses. We are working to have the survey deployed mid-summer. Accuracy of survey results depends highly on participation from vendors who participate in Expo shows. We have designed the survey so that it can be deployed for past shows with vendors identifying their sales in the months that follow their participation at Expo.

As of this writing the project remains on scope, on schedule, and on budget. The recent staff departures likely mean that our schedule may slip as we identify talent to fill our gaps. We also expect additional pressure on the project schedule as unanticipated questions or interests arise.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any members of our Steering Committee or Project Team if you have any questions.

**Materials following this page are  
attachments to the public record.**



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**BRIDGE**  
*Replacement Program*

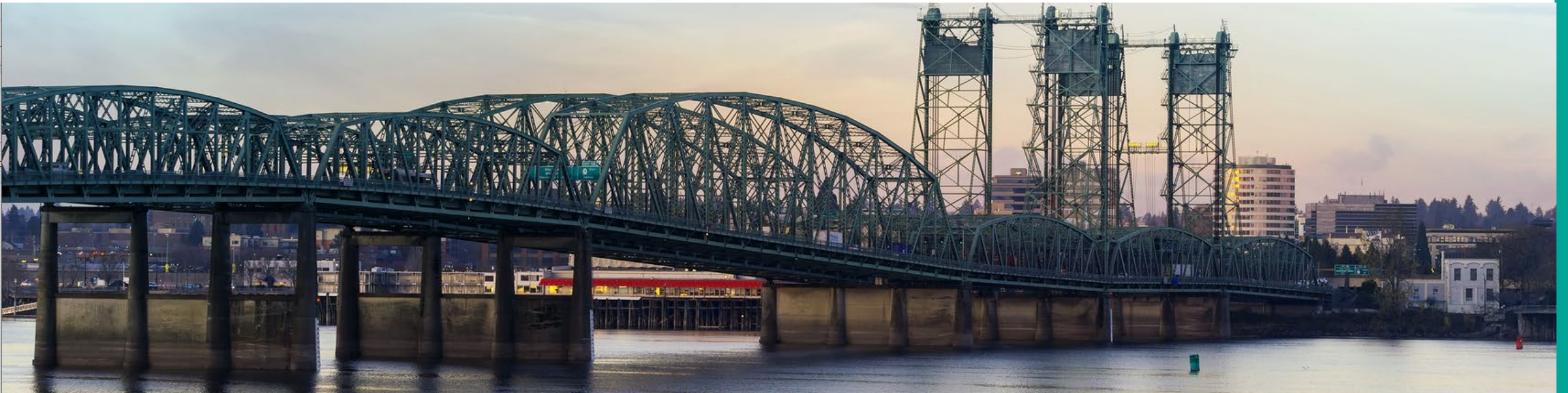


# IBR Update

Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission  
May 4, 2022

# Agenda

- ▶ **Project Background**
- ▶ **Modified Locally Preferred Alternative**
  - Bridge/auxiliary lanes
  - Transit
  - Hayden Island/Marine Drive Interchange Options and Designs
- ▶ **Timeline/Next Steps**



# Existing Bridges

- ▶ Critical regional, national, international connection
- ▶ 143,000 vehicles per day (2019)
- ▶ 7 to 10 hours of congestion in the peak
- ▶ Antiquated design causes safety issues
- ▶ Inadequate bike/ped facilities
- ▶ Limited transit options
- ▶ Draw bridge blocks traffic (only one on I-5 in US)
- ▶ Expensive to maintain (\$270M by 2040)
- ▶ At risk of collapse during major earthquake



# Project History

- ▶ First identified as a problem in 1999
- ▶ Bi-state Columbia River Crossing (CRC) started in 2004
- ▶ CRC completed environmental review in 2011
  - Identified replacement bridge
  - Included light rail into Vancouver
- ▶ CRC lacked funding to advance to construction
- ▶ CRC discontinued in 2014
- ▶ IBR initiated in 2019



# Initiating IBR efforts

- ▶ Bi-state Memorandum of Intent signed by Governors Brown and Inslee in November 2019
- ▶ \$90 million in combined funding dedicated by OR and WA as of March 2022
  - Washington’s recently passed revenue package allocates \$1 billion to fund that state’s share of anticipated IBR costs
- ▶ Bi-state legislative committee oversight and guidance to shape program work



Photo courtesy of Office of Governor Kate Brown





# Project Partners

- ▶ ODOT and WSDOT are jointly leading the program work in collaboration with eight other bi-state partner agencies:

- TriMet
- C-TRAN
- Oregon Metro
- SW WA Regional Transportation Council
- City of Portland
- City of Vancouver
- Port of Portland
- Port of Vancouver



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# Equity and climate are key priorities

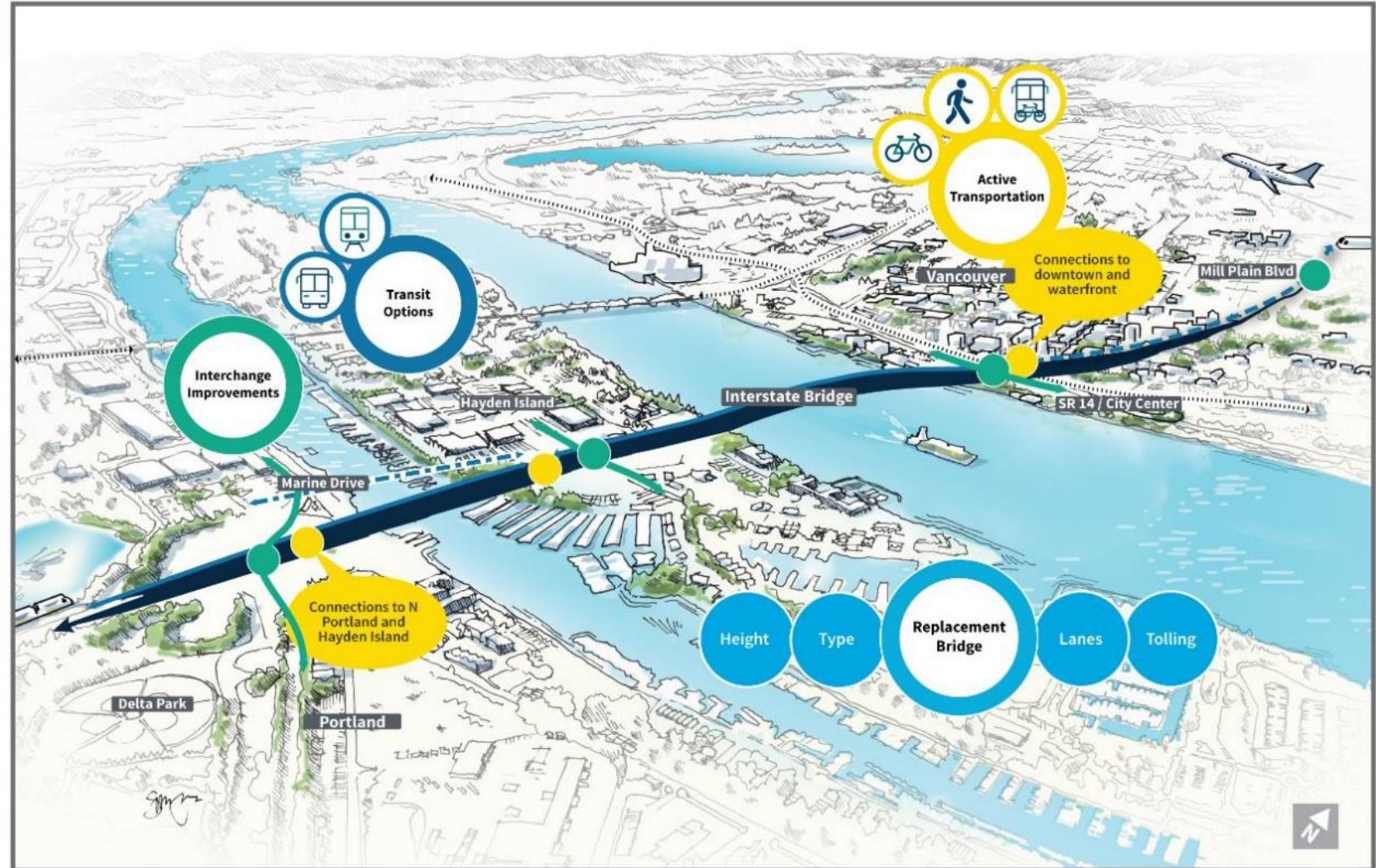
- ▶ Center equity-priority community feedback and engagement
- ▶ Equity Advisory Group makes recommendations to IBR program
- ▶ Support state climate goals of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and air quality improvements
- ▶ Improve infrastructure resilience to future climate disruptions



# Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

## Key components of the Modified LPA:

- ▶ Number of Auxiliary Lanes
- ▶ Transit Investments
- ▶ Hayden Island/Marine Drive Interchange



# Modified LPA – Auxiliary Lanes

- ▶ Aux lanes are ramp-to-ramp connections that facilitate acceleration and deceleration, weaving, merging and diverging between intersections

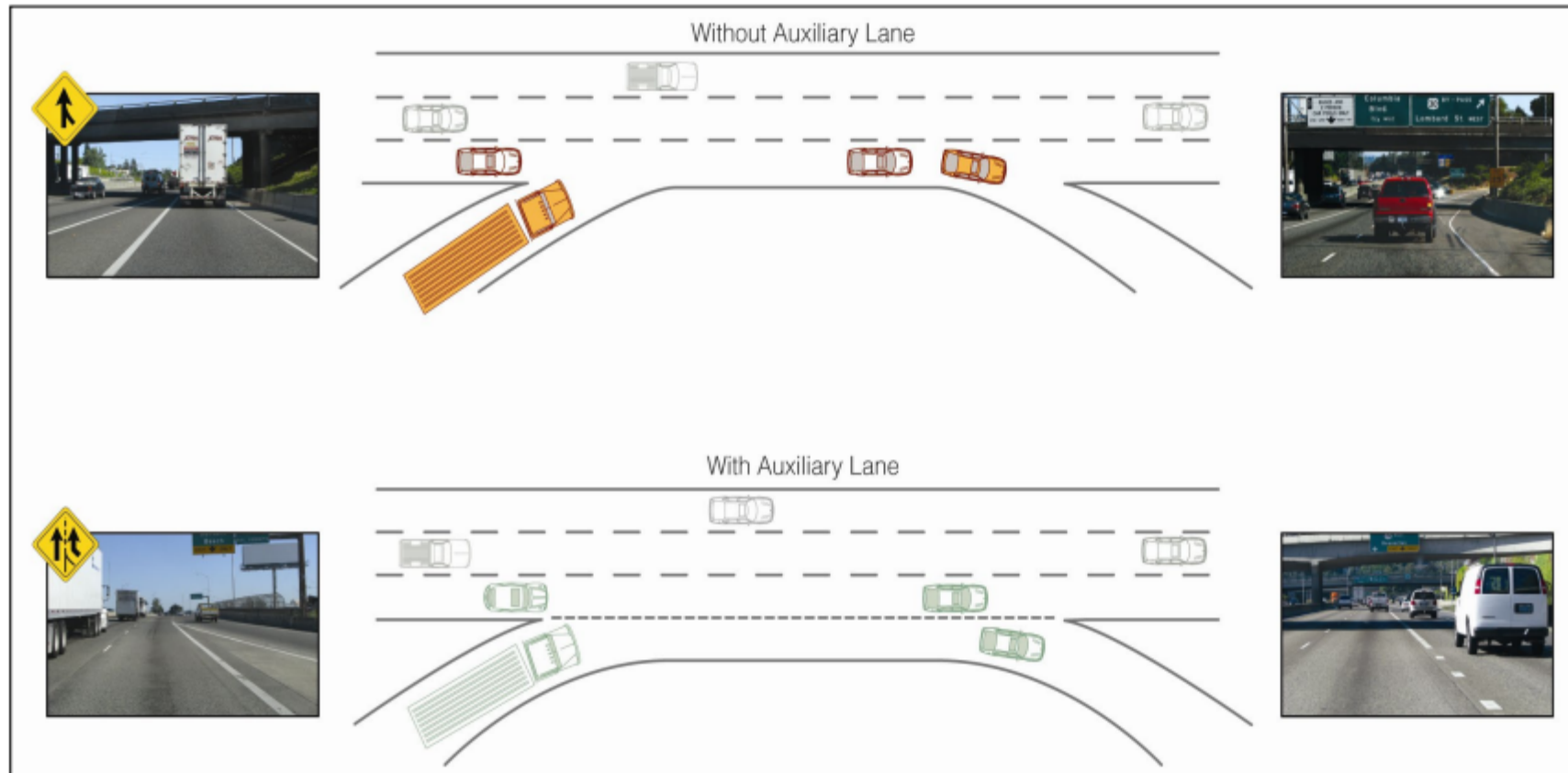
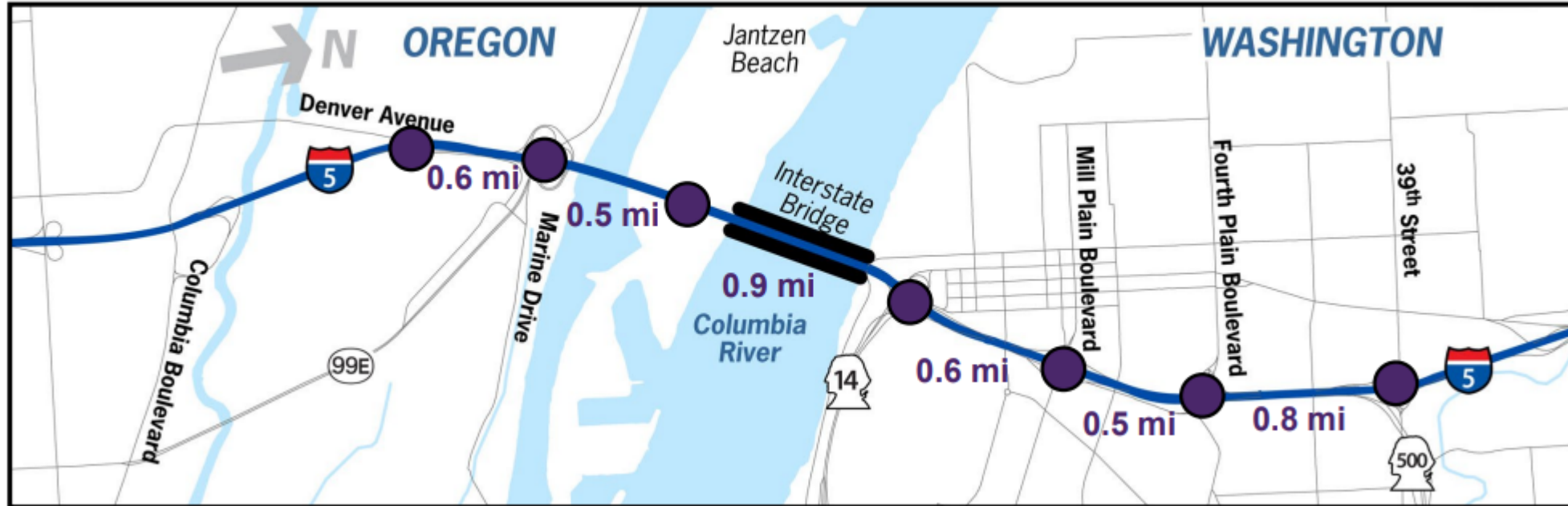


Figure shows typical highway Merge and Diverge conditions, without (top) and with (bottom) Aux Lane

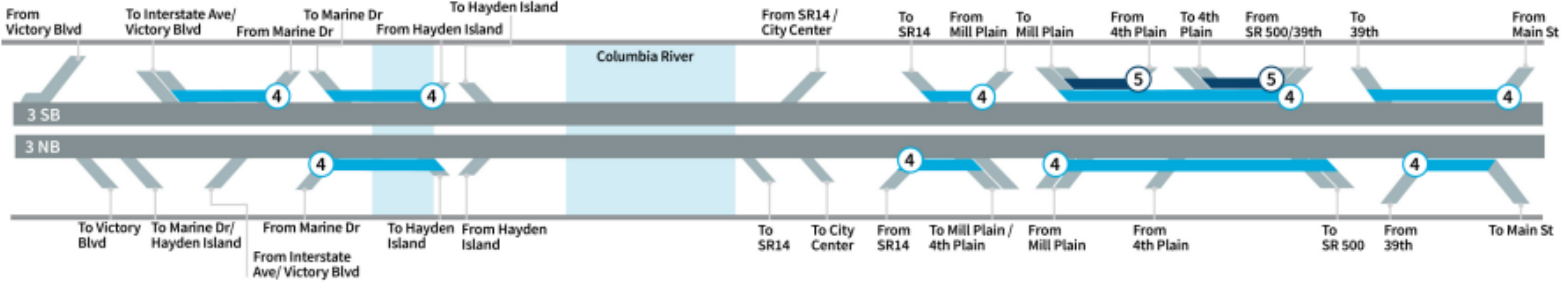
# Modified LPA – Auxiliary Lanes



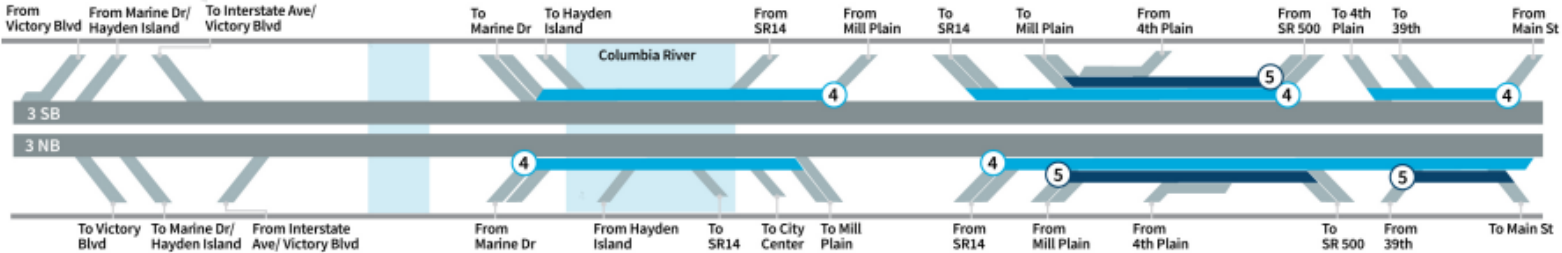
- ▶ AM Peak Hour – 85% of SB traffic to or from 7 interchanges
- ▶ PM Peak Hour – 75% of NB traffic to or from 7 interchanges
- ▶ Intersections closely spaced
- ▶ Contributes to crashes and congestion

# Modified LPA – Auxiliary Lane Options

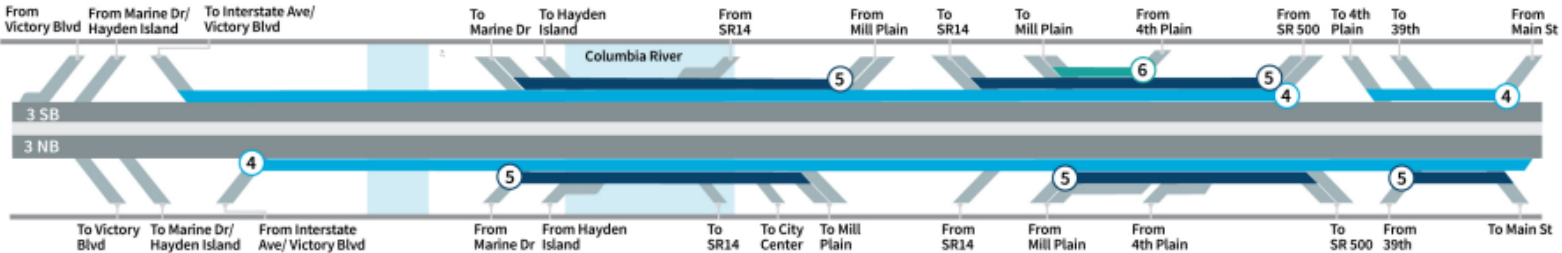
No Build



1 Auxiliary Lane



2 Auxiliary Lane



All options, have 3 lanes thru traffic Northbound and Southbound

- Through lanes
- Auxiliary lane 4
- Auxiliary lane 5
- Auxiliary lane 6
- Collector-distributor roads and ramps

# Modified LPA – Transit

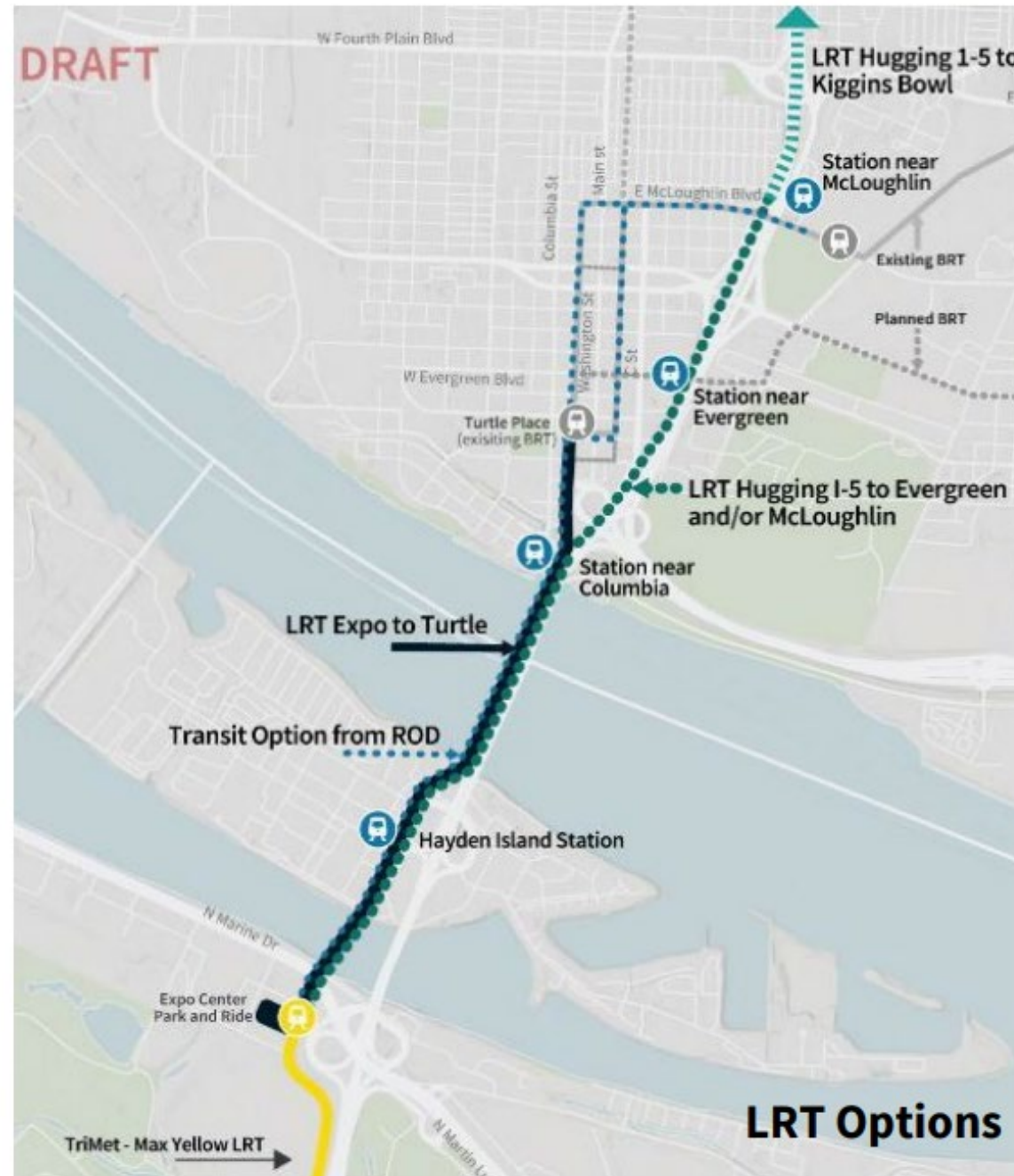
- ▶ Modeling projects substantial demand for cross-river transit service
- ▶ Capacity is important consideration in mode decision
- ▶ A combination of Vine BRT, LRT, and express buses will be needed
- ▶ Transfers from other transit vehicles make up the highest mode of access
- ▶ LRT has higher capacity and ridership
- ▶ LRT has higher capital cost, lower operating cost per rider than BRT

# Modified LPA – Transit

- ▶ Several alternatives narrowed to one (likely for LPA)
- ▶ Light rail (not BRT) extension from Expo Center to Evergreen
- ▶ Up to three new stations
  - Hayden Island
  - Waterfront
  - Evergreen
- ▶ Park and Ride lot sizes and locations TBD



# Modified LPA – Transit



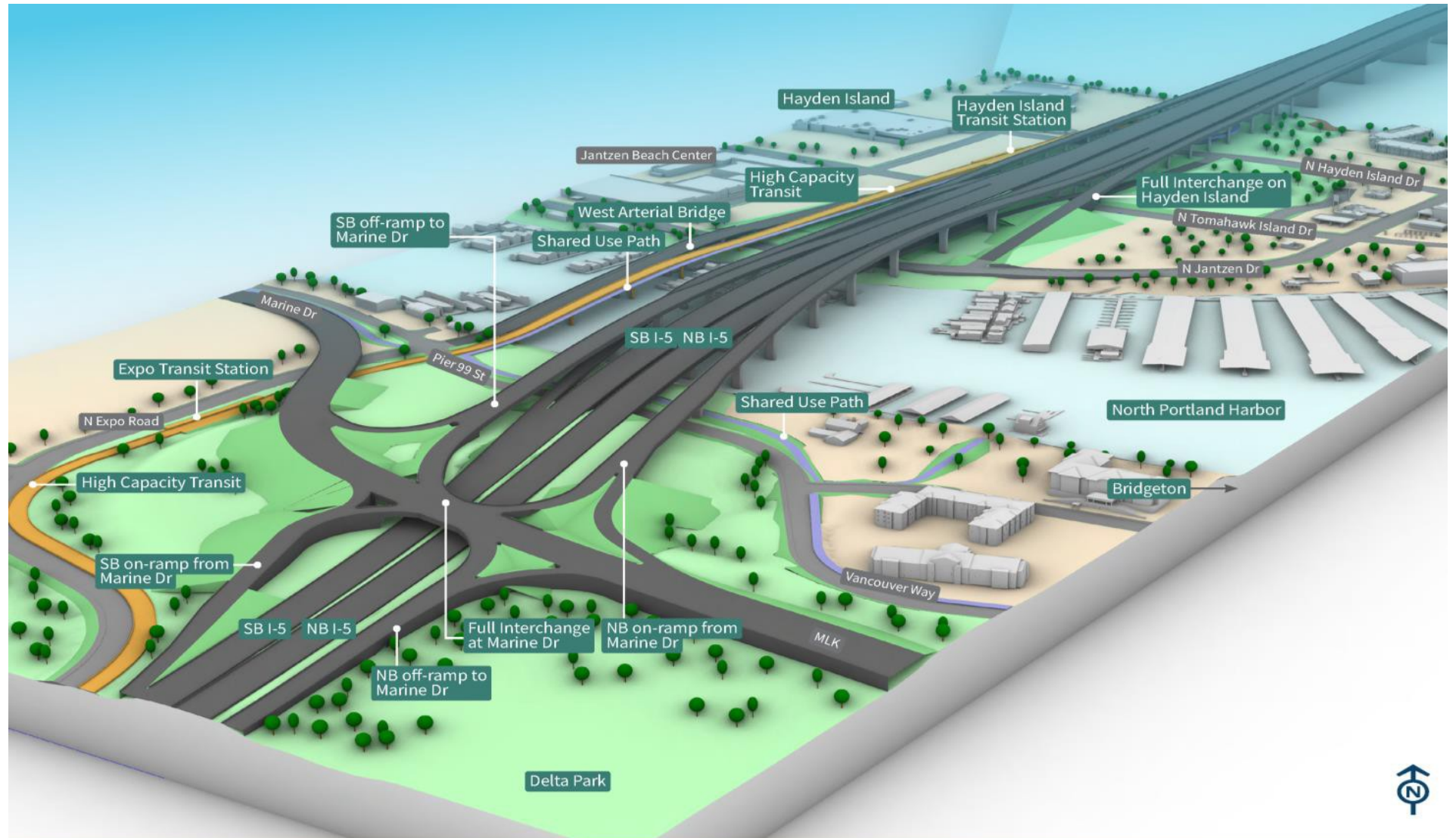
# Modified LPA – Hayden Island/Marine Drive Interchange

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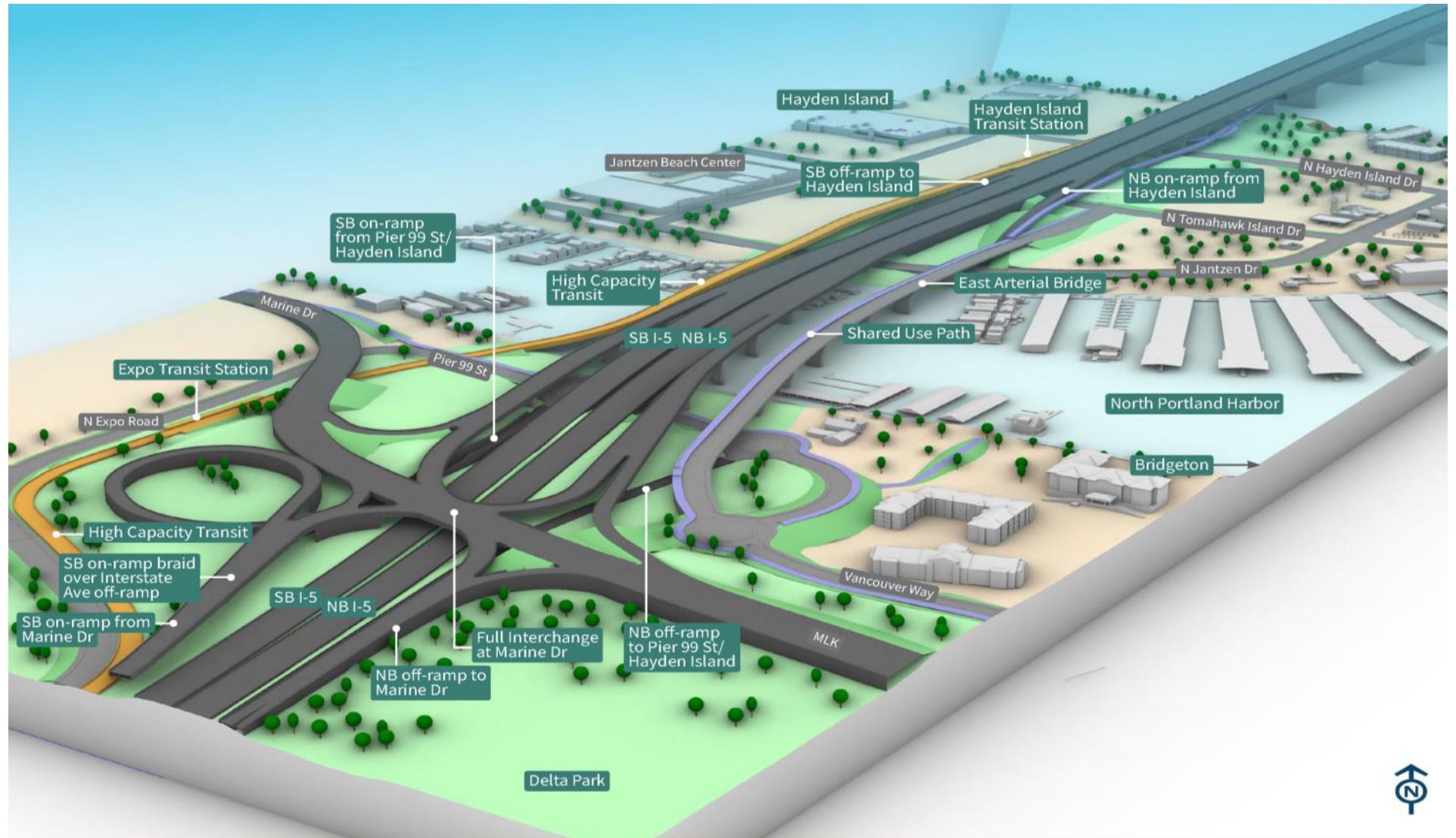
- ▶ North Portland Harbor bridge replacement
- ▶ Local auto access on bridge between N. Portland and Hayden Island
- ▶ Local ped/bike connections with shared use path
- ▶ High Capacity Transit station on Hayden Island



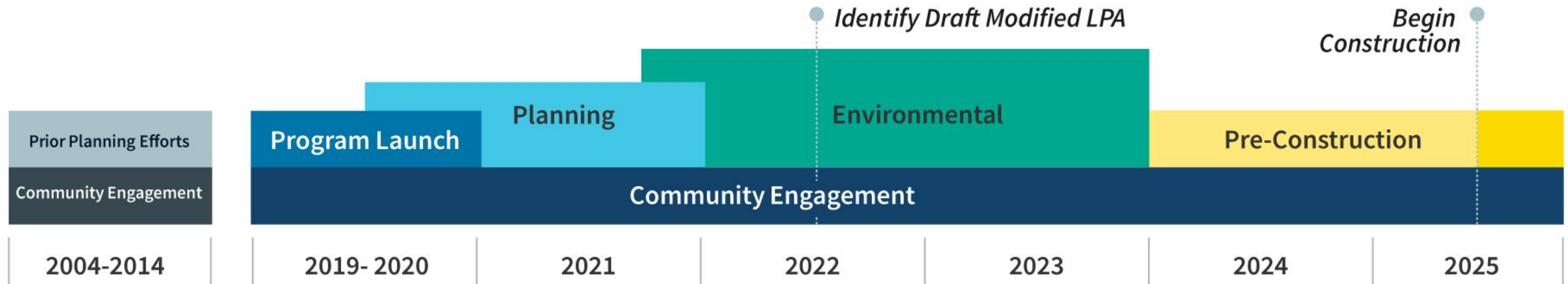
# Full Interchange Option



# Half Interchange Option



# Program Timeline and Next Steps



- ▶ Summer 2022 – Mid-2024: Additional analysis and design refinements that result in a *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)*
- ▶ Mid 2024: Additional design details finalized plus off-site improvements and mitigations
- ▶ 2025: Construction begins



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# Thanks!

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# Expo DOS

## MERC Meeting

May 4, 2022

# Topics

1. Engagement
2. RFEI review process




# Engagement updates

- Website is complete
- Video is complete
- Working on public/CBO/previous stakeholder outreach plan
- Working on media plan



# Expo DOS website



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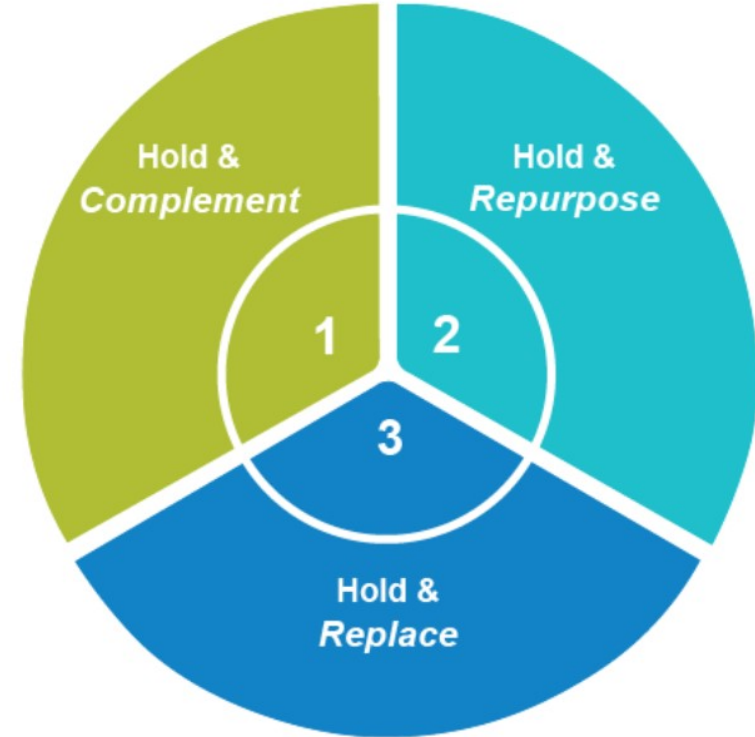


**Welcome to the Expo Development Opportunity Study (DOS)**

# Expo DOS website

## Expo's Potential Futures

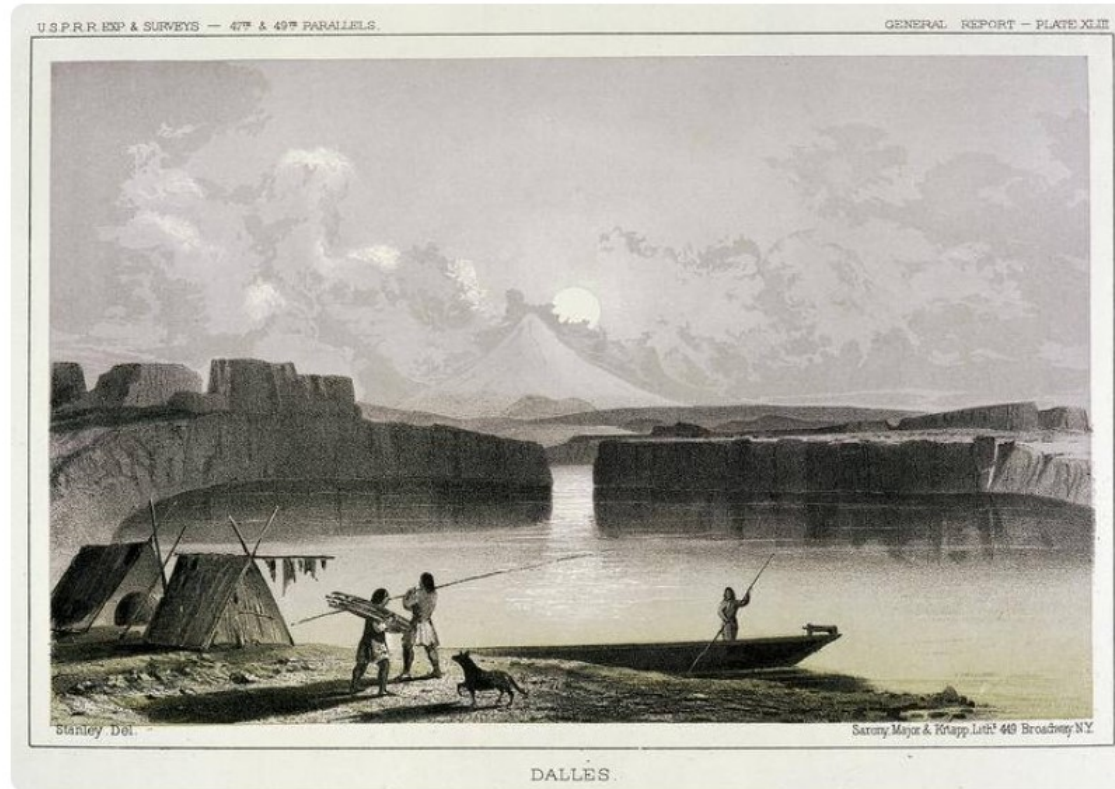
Based on assessments of the site, venue, and market studies, there are multiple paths and potential uses that are possible on the Expo Center property. Explore all the different pathways and potential options below.



# Expo DOS website

## Expo Center's Complex Past

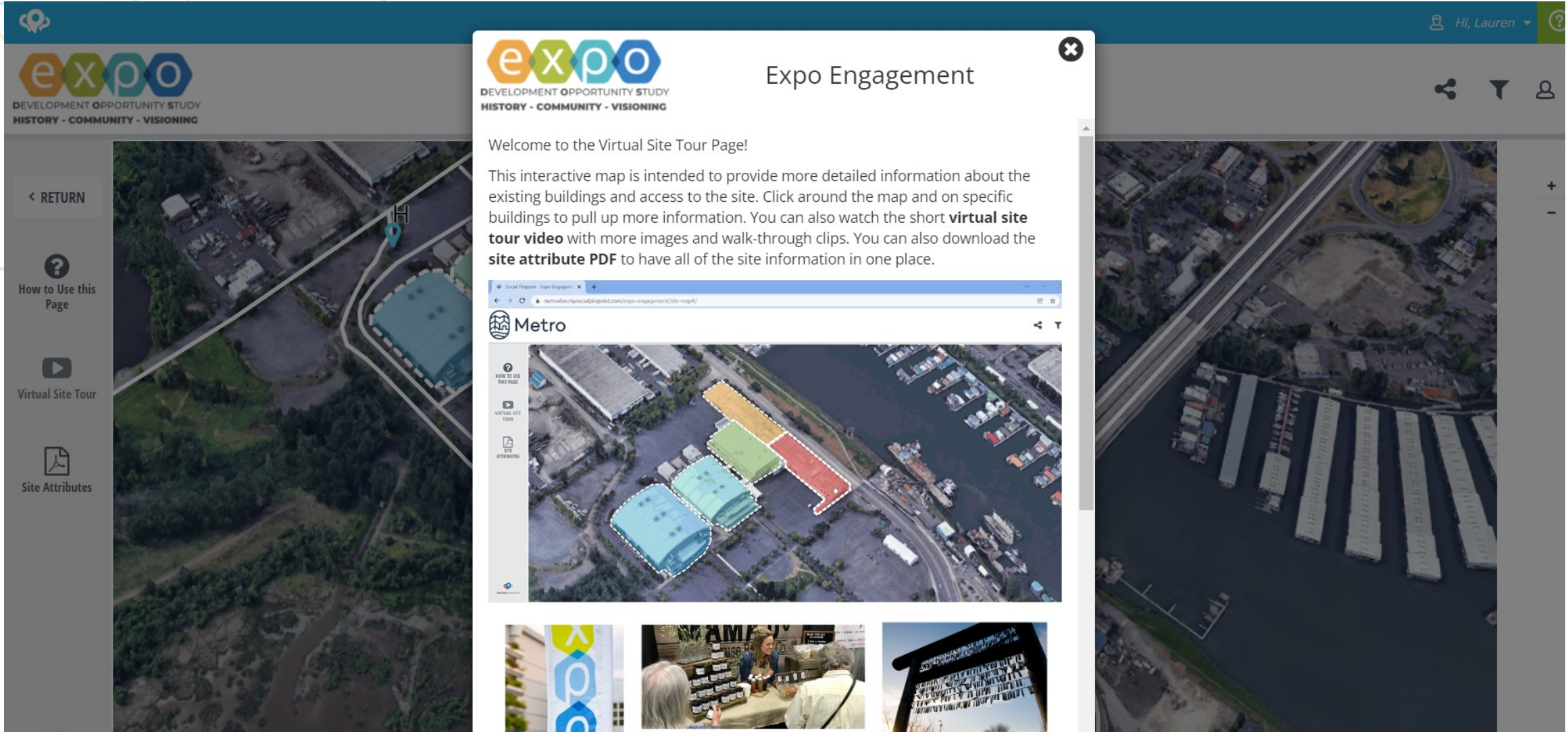
The Portland Expo Center and land it occupies have a complex past that has touched the lives of many Portlanders and visitors throughout its history, ranging from joy and celebration to despair. From Indigenous people's early connection and relationship to the land - which was impacted by the atrocities of settler colonialism - to the annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition to Japanese American incarceration during WWII to the Vanport Floods nearby, many generations of Portland communities have historical ties to the site.



Columbia River, by JM Stanley. Courtesy of the University of Washington.



# Expo DOS website



The screenshot displays the Expo Engagement website interface. At the top left, the Expo logo is accompanied by the text "DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY STUDY" and "HISTORY - COMMUNITY - VISIONING". A navigation sidebar on the left includes a "RETURN" button, a "How to Use this Page" link with a question mark icon, a "Virtual Site Tour" link with a play button icon, and a "Site Attributes" link with a document icon. The main content area features a large aerial map of the site with a blue location pin. A white pop-up window titled "Expo Engagement" is overlaid on the map. This window contains the following text: "Welcome to the Virtual Site Tour Page! This interactive map is intended to provide more detailed information about the existing buildings and access to the site. Click around the map and on specific buildings to pull up more information. You can also watch the short **virtual site tour video** with more images and walk-through clips. You can also download the **site attribute PDF** to have all of the site information in one place." Below the text is a browser window showing the URL "metrodmv.my-socialengagement.com/expo-engagement/libe-map/#/". Underneath the browser window is a "Metro" logo and a thumbnail image of the site with buildings highlighted in various colors (blue, green, red, yellow). At the bottom of the pop-up, there are three small images: a close-up of the Expo logo, a person at a booth, and a large sign with text.

# Expo DOS website: survey



## Visiting the Expo Center

Please choose the option that best describes you. In the past, how have you engaged with the Portland Expo Center? \*

- I have never heard of the Portland Expo Center
- I have never visited the Portland Expo Center before
- I visit the Portland Expo Center roughly 0-6 times a year
- I visit the Portland Expo Center roughly once a month, year-around
- I visit the Portland Expo Center almost weekly, year-around

Clear

Did you visit Expo the same amount of times before Covid? \*

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Clear

## We want to hear from you

Metro is looking for your help to understand what matters most to residents in the region and how the Portland Expo Center could be part of the solution in addressing those regional priorities. Please help us learn more about your connection to the Expo Center and thoughts on what is important when considering feasible Expo futures.

**Your input on this brief survey will assist Metro Council with determining how the future use of Portland Expo Center can best benefit the region. At the end of the survey, enter your email for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards to Powell's, Next Adventure, or Grocery Outlet!**

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Next

# Portland Expo Center: History, Community, Visioning



*What guiding principles should be at the root of how we weigh different development options?*

# PORTLAND EXPO FUTURE SCENARIO GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Updated March 17, 2022





# Expo Opportunity Study Timeline



Winter 21/22

Spring 22

Summer 22

Fall 22

Winter 22/23

Spring 23

Community  
Engagement  
Prep

Community-wide Engagement  
Digital and In-Person



## ENGAGE

RFEI  
Pre-Planning

RFEI Advertised  
CBO Support, Technical Assistance

## SUBMIT

Submittal Review  
(Shortlist)



Submittal Evaluation  
(Up to 5)

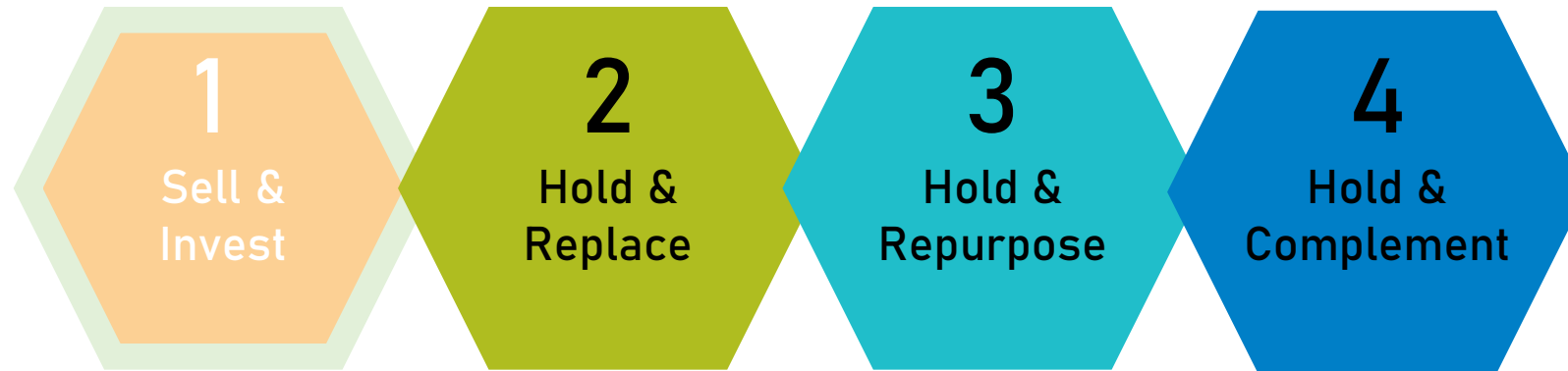


## EVALUATE

 =MERC/Council Briefing

# Potential Futures Evaluated

Four potential pathways were considered for the future:

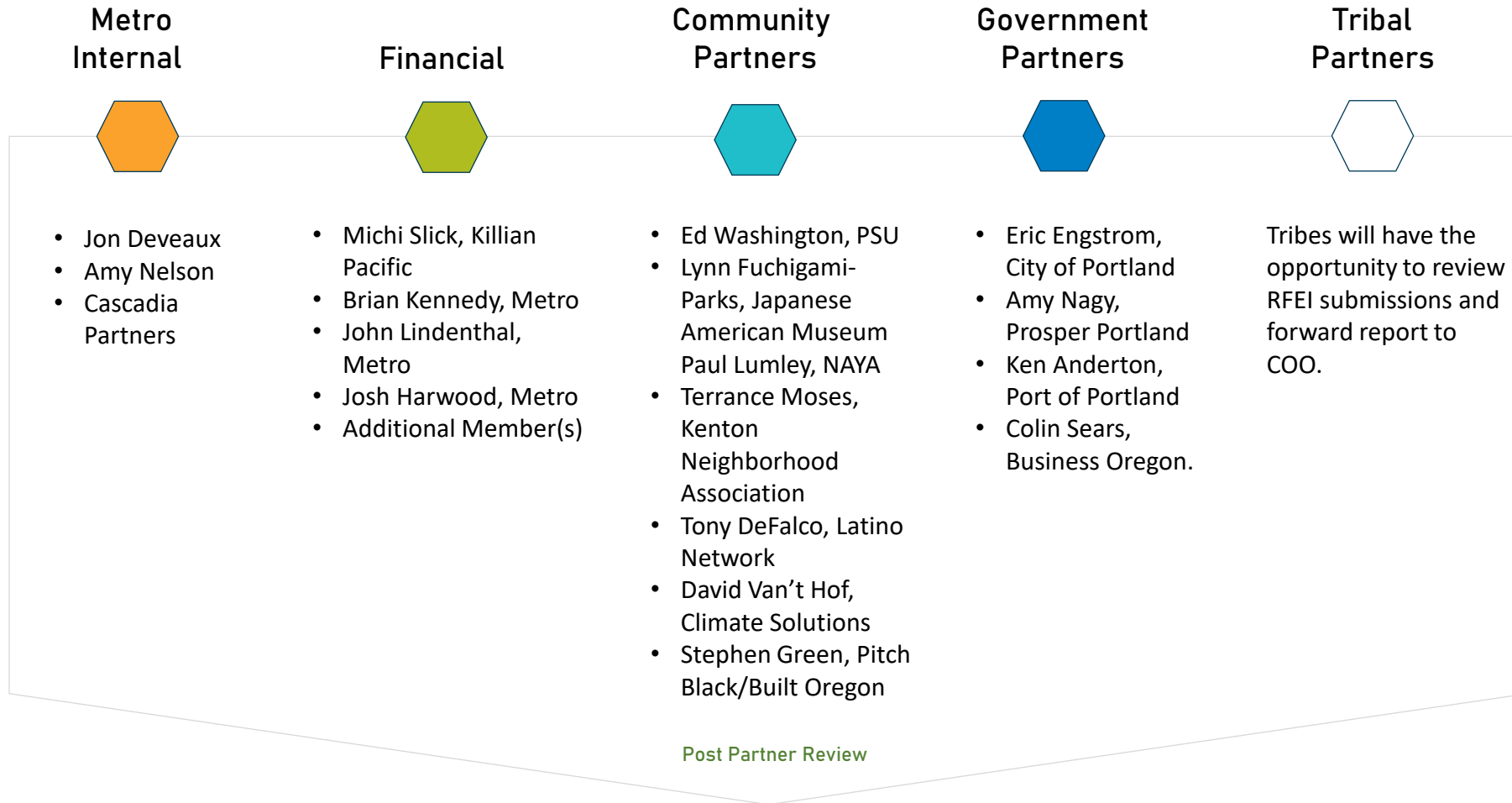


Council directed staff to **deemphasize** "Sell & Invest" module.

Request for Expressions of Interest  
**PORTLAND EXPO CENTER**  
Innovative Multi-Use Space Opportunity



# Review Process



**Compile Reports for submission to COO for further action**  
DOS Staff and Cascadia Partners Compile Reports for COO  
COO reviews/prepares presentation for MERC and Council

A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a glass facade and a curved roof, illuminated at dusk. A tall sign on the left side of the building displays the word "expo" vertically in colorful letters. The building is surrounded by trees and a paved area.

Questions?

**MERC Meeting**

May 4, 2022