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Replacement Program

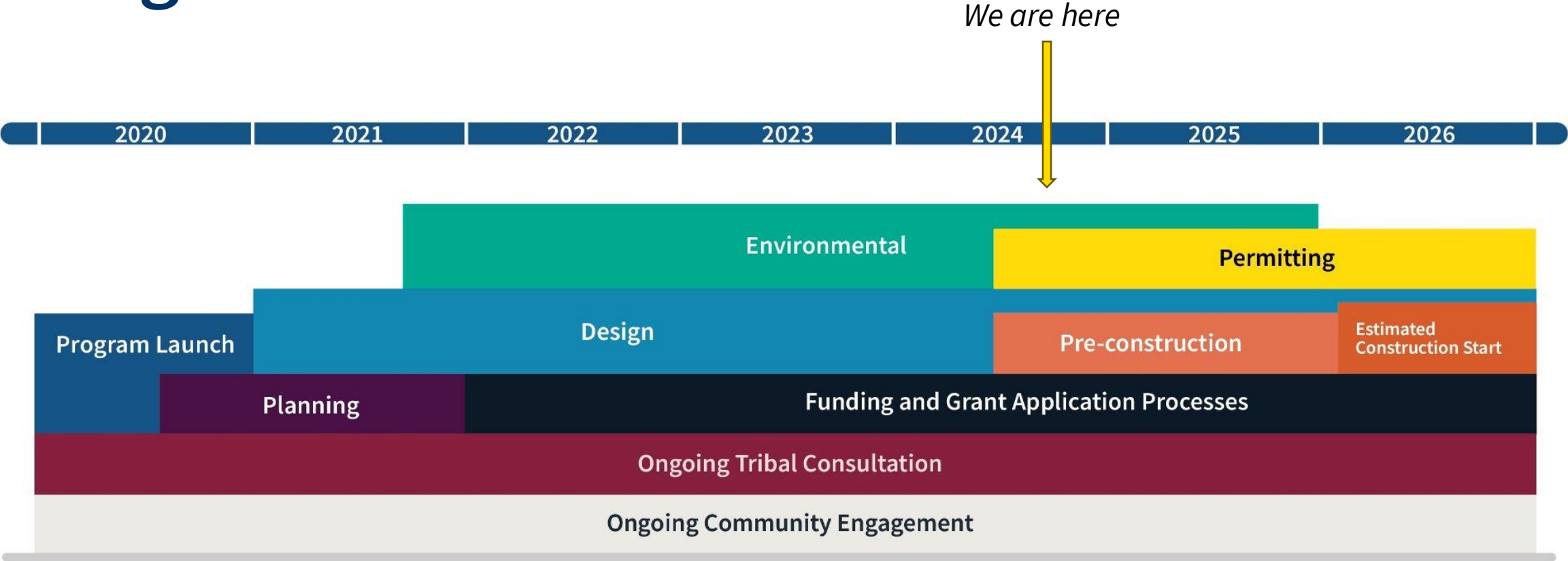


IBR Program Update

Clark County Developmental
Disabilities Advisory Board

November 6, 2024

Program Schedule



Schedule will be updated as needed to reflect program changes and timeline.

Purpose and Need



Safety: Narrow lanes, no shoulders, poor sight distances, bridge lifts, and short ramp distances for merging and diverging contribute to crashes.



Earthquake vulnerability: In a major earthquake, the bridge would likely be significantly damaged, potentially beyond repair.



Impaired freight movement: Congestion and bridge lifts slow down freight carrying goods along I-5, a critical economic trade route on the West Coast.



Inadequate bike & pedestrian paths: Narrow shared use paths, low railing heights, and lack of dedicated pathways impede safe travel.



Congestion: Over 143,000 vehicles crossed the Interstate Bridge each weekday in 2019 with more than 10 hours of daily congestion.



Limited public transportation: Limited transit options and existing bus service can be unreliable due to traffic congestion and bridge lifts.

What is Being Studied in the Draft SEIS?

The IBR Program is a continuation of the I-5 Columbia River Crossing Project. The IBR Program Draft SEIS is a supplemental environmental analysis document that builds on the 2008 Draft EIS, 2011 Final EIS and 2011 Record of Decision. The Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) similarly builds on the CRC LPA and includes modifications made to address changes in the physical environment, community priorities, and regulations.

▶ Modified Locally Preferred Alternative

- Improve active transportation facilities and connections
- Extend light rail transit (LRT) from Expo to Evergreen Blvd plus bus on shoulder
- Three new LRT stations
- Replace bridges over Columbia River and North Portland Harbor
- Modify seven interchanges on I-5
- Three through lanes and at least one auxiliary lane in each direction
- Variable rate tolling for motorists using the river crossing as a demand management and financing tool

▶ No-Build Alternative

- None of the improvements associated with Modified LPA would be implemented
- Other planned projects that are independent of the IBR Program would proceed

▶ Design Options being Studied

- Bridge configuration: Movable span, single-level, double-deck/stacked
- With or without C Street ramps to/from I-5
- Inclusion of one or two auxiliary lanes
- Possible park & rides at Waterfront and Evergreen Transit stations
- I-5 alignment: centered or shifted west between SR14 and Mill Plain Blvd

The Draft SEIS evaluates the Modified LPA in comparison to the No-Build Alternative.

The analysis is conducted for the future condition, which is the year 2045 for this Draft SEIS.

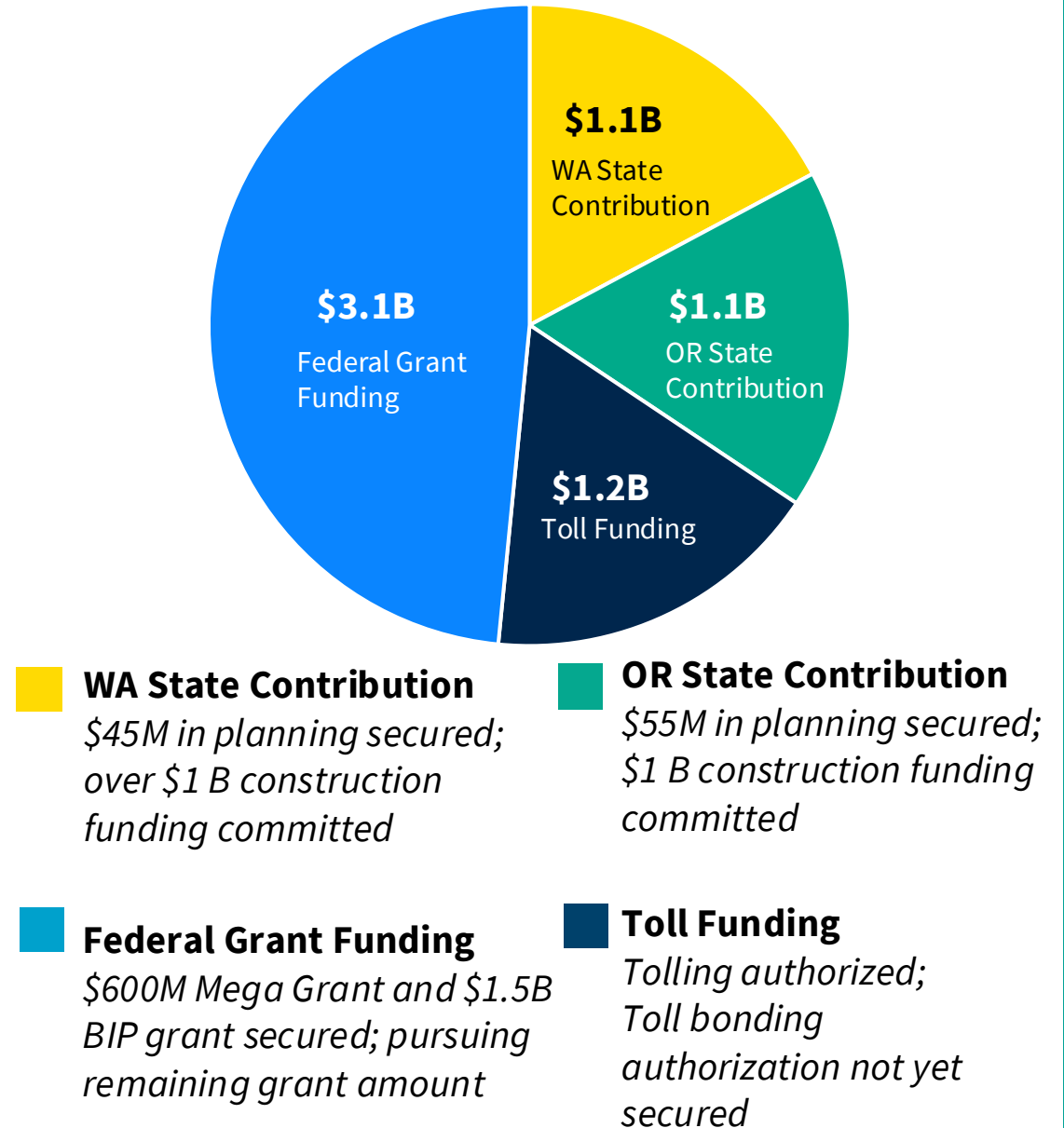
Modified LPA Components



IBR Program Funding

- ▶ Federal funds, tolling, and state funds are needed to address the estimated cost range of \$5 billion to \$7.5 billion.
 - Bridge tolls will help pay for the new bridge and its continued operation and maintenance through the duration of the construction loan.
- ▶ Cost estimates will be refined as the federal review process progresses and the program advances design of IBR investments.

Potential Program Funding Sources



What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act of 1970

- ▶ Requires federal agencies to **assess and disclose environmental effects of proposed actions** prior to making decisions.
- ▶ Ensures agencies consider public comments as part of their decision making.
- ▶ The documentation of this process is known as an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.

Environment

- Air quality, water quality, noise, vibration, ecosystems, climate etc.

Historic/Cultural

- Historic and protected areas, archeological resources, Tribal consultation

Community

- Residential and commercial displacement, environmental justice

Technical Areas Evaluated



Transportation

- Transportation
- Air Quality
- Aviation
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Navigation
- Noise and Vibration



Community

- Cultural Resources
- Economics
- Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Environmental Justice
- Equity
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Neighborhoods
- Parks and Recreation
- Property Acquisitions
- Public Services
- Utilities



Environment

- Climate Change
- Ecosystems
- Geology and Groundwater
- Visual Quality
- Water Quality and Hydrology
- Wetlands and Waters

Program Area Map

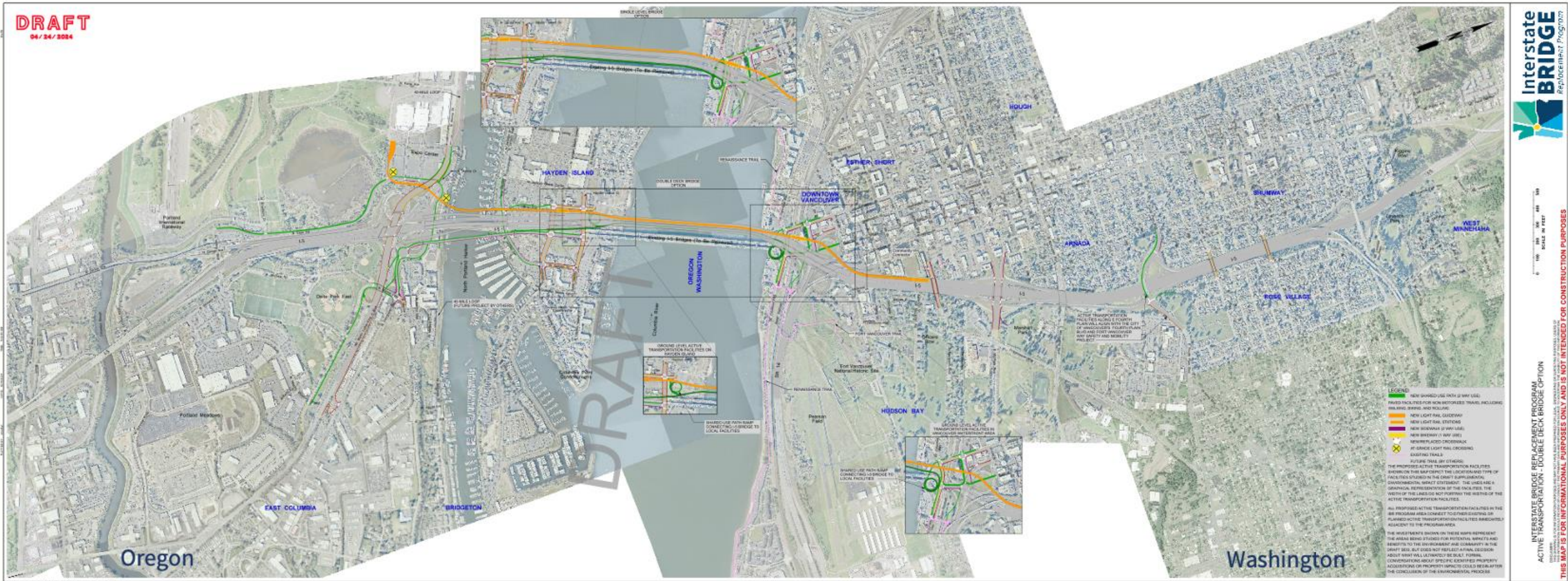
- ▶ Investments shown represent the areas being studied in the Draft SEIS and do not reflect a final decision about what will be built.



Program area map is available at: www.interstatebridge.org/media/fnjho04j/mlpa-roll-plot-5-25-23.pdf

Active Transportation Roll Map

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Accessing the Draft SEIS

- ▶ **The document is available now and accessible by all community members**
 - Adheres to ADA standards
 - Online search function to easily locate specific information
 - Executive Summary is interpreted into multiple languages
- ▶ **View the Draft SEIS document, Executive Summary and technical reports online at:** www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS
- ▶ **Hard copies are available for in-person review:**
 - IBR Office – 500 Broadway, Suite 200, Vancouver
 - Vancouver City Hall – 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver
 - Vancouver Community Library – 901 C Street, Vancouver
 - The Charles Jordan Community Center – 9009 N Foss Ave, Portland
 - The Portland Building – 1120 SW Fifth Ave, Portland
- ▶ **IBR Office Hours**
 - Sign-up online using the links in the Office Hours event pages on the Program’s calendar at www.InterstateBridge.org/calendar

How to Comment

- ▶ **Comment through Nov. 18 using one of these methods:**
 - Submit a web-based form at www.InterstateBridge.org/DraftSEIS
 - Email a comment to DraftSEIS@InterstateBridge.org
 - Send a comment to the IBR office through the mail
 - *500 Broadway, Suite 200, Vancouver WA 98660*
 - Call the IBR office to leave a verbal comment at 866-IBR-SEIS (427-7347)
 - Comment at virtual and in-person public hearings
- ▶ **Comments can be provided in your native language.**

Visit the IBR calendar for a full list of and information about attending briefings, opening houses, public hearings, and other events: www.interstatebridge.org/calendar



We want to hear your comments!

- ▶ Comments provide feedback that helps the Program refine design options, update technical analysis and inform the Final SEIS.
- ▶ Comments should be specific to information you learned or read within the Draft SEIS.
- ▶ When sharing an opinion on design options or the analysis, provide information from the analysis that helped form that opinion.
- ▶ For a comment to be included as part of the formal record, it must be submitted in one of the official ways.
- ▶ Comments submitted through social media and informal conversations will not be recorded as formal comments.
- ▶ To ensure the administrative record accurately and completely reflects the documentation received during the public comment period, written comments should not include any hyperlinks to outside materials or information. Any materials or information you wish to have considered should be included within the submitted comment.
- ▶ Attachments to e-mails must be specifically referenced in the comment text, including specific citations to page number and passage from the attachments.
- ▶ All audio/video attachments must be transcribed or submitted via the Draft SEIS voicemail line.

Next Steps

- ▶ Responses to comments received during the public comment period will be published in the Final SEIS.
- ▶ Public comments will be used to update the technical analysis, refine design options, and inform future design.
- ▶ Design of the proposed improvements — including the selection of specific design options and mitigations — will be further refined based on findings and public input, which will be documented in the Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision (ROD).
- ▶ A Final SEIS and Amended ROD are anticipated in mid to late 2025.
- ▶ Construction is planned to begin as early as late 2025.

Stay Connected & Get Involved



- ▶ Join us for IBR office hours, in person or virtually, and get your questions answered! Visit interstatebridge.org/calendar to schedule an appointment, email info@interstatebridge.org or call
- ▶ Sign-up for our monthly newsletter: interstatebridge.org/news
- ▶ Attend a program meeting or community engagement event: interstatebridge.org/calendar
- ▶ Comments? Questions? Email info@interstatebridge.org
- ▶ Follow us on social media: @IBRprogram
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