

Interstate Bridge Replacement: Progress Report



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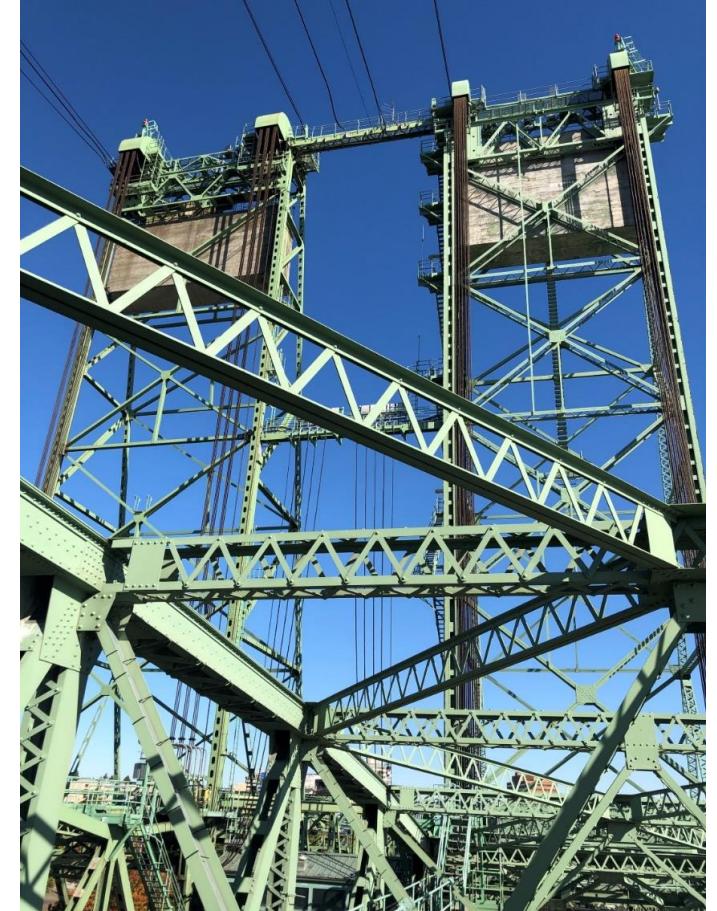
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Legislative Direction to Bi-State Program Office

- WA 2019-2021 transportation budget (ESHB 1160) outlines key initial steps identified for the program office:
 - Reengage key stakeholders and the public
 - Reevaluate purpose & need
 - Reevaluate scope, schedule, and budget
 - Reevaluate permits
 - Develop a finance plan
- Set a target to make significant progress toward beginning the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process by June 30, 2021
 - Initial progress report Dec. 1, 2019 (submitted)
 - Final progress report Dec. 1, 2020



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Other tasks for the bi-state program office directed by WA 2019-2021 transportation budget (ESHB 1160):

- Study the concept of a bi-state bridge authority that could jointly manage bridges over the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington
- Conduct rulemaking to implement new program for transportation Projects of Statewide Significance in Washington



December 2019 IBR Program Progress Report



Report structure:

- I. Background
- II. Initiating work
- III. Delivering Interstate Bridge Replacement

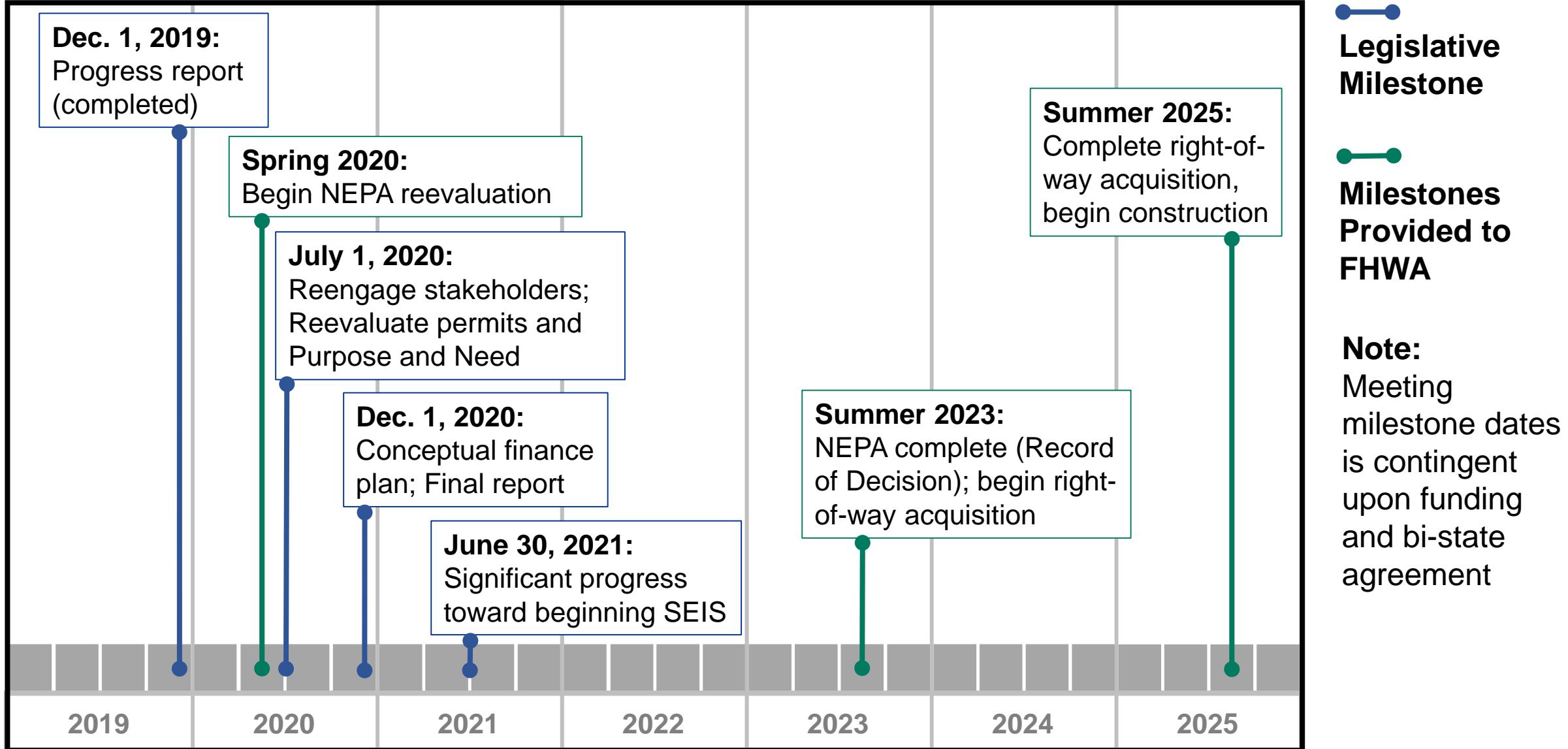
Background: Work that Will Guide the IBR Program



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- Previous planning efforts
- State leadership
 - WA SSB 5806 (2017) & WA ESHB 1160 (2019)
 - Oregon Governor and Transportation Commission Actions (2019)
 - Bi-State Memorandum of Intent (Nov. 2019)
 - FHWA repayment extension

Interstate Bridge Replacement Milestone Goals



Initiating Work: Conceptual Timeline



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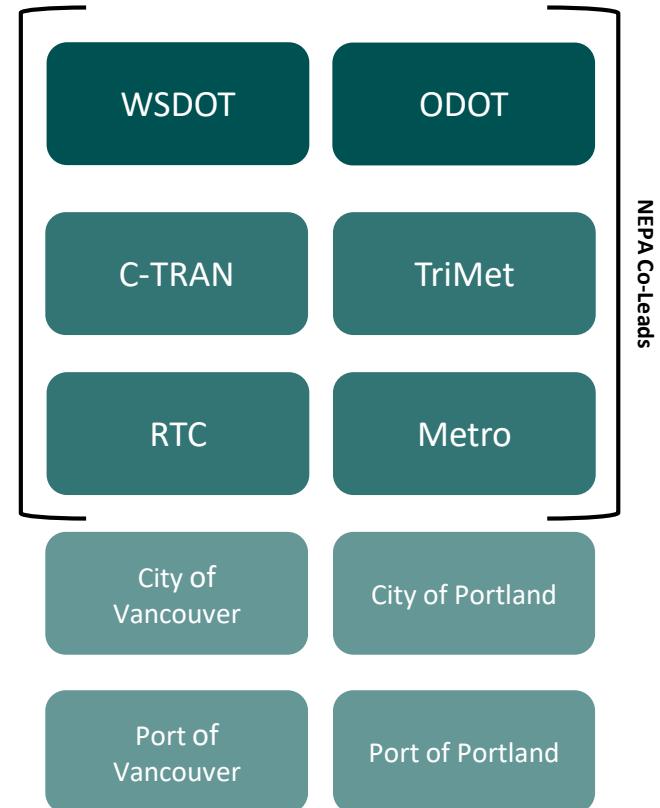
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Facilitated Partnering Process

- 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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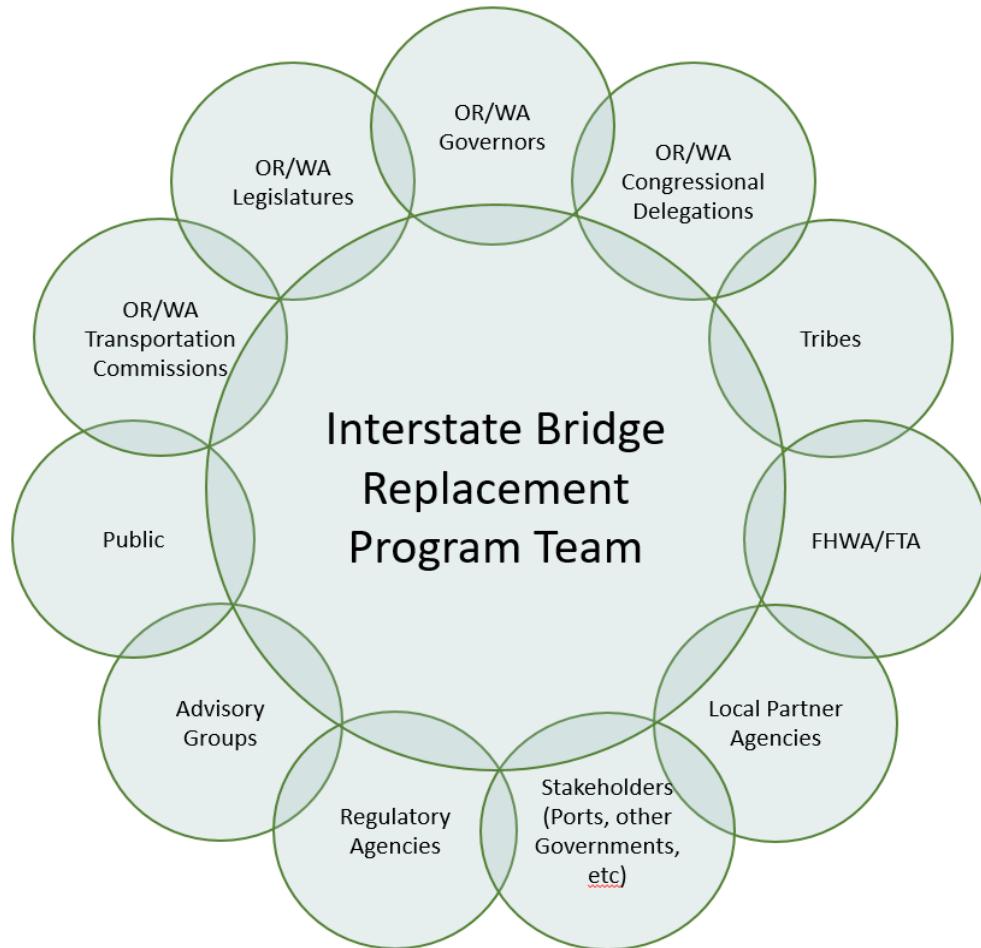
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Stakeholder Reengagement



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

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Program Office Key Functions

Program Administrator

Transportation design

Structural design

Transit planning and engineering

Highway planning and engineering

Environmental permitting and compliance

Diversity

Financial planning and tolling

Program controls and agreements

Communications and external affairs

- Program team will consist of agency staff and consultant support
- Stakeholder engagement will inform program development and design

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Questions?

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

