

Interstate Bridge Replacement: Progress Report



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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



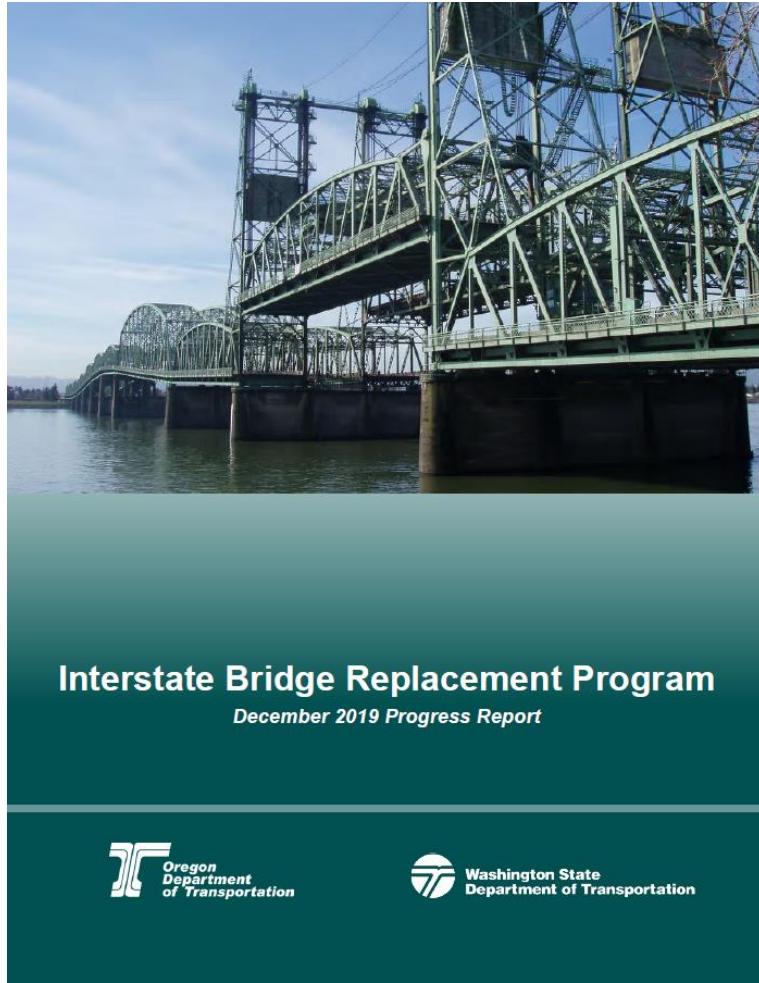
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Other tasks for the bi-state program office directed by WA 2019-2021 transportation budget (ESHB 1160):

- 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



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Report structure:

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

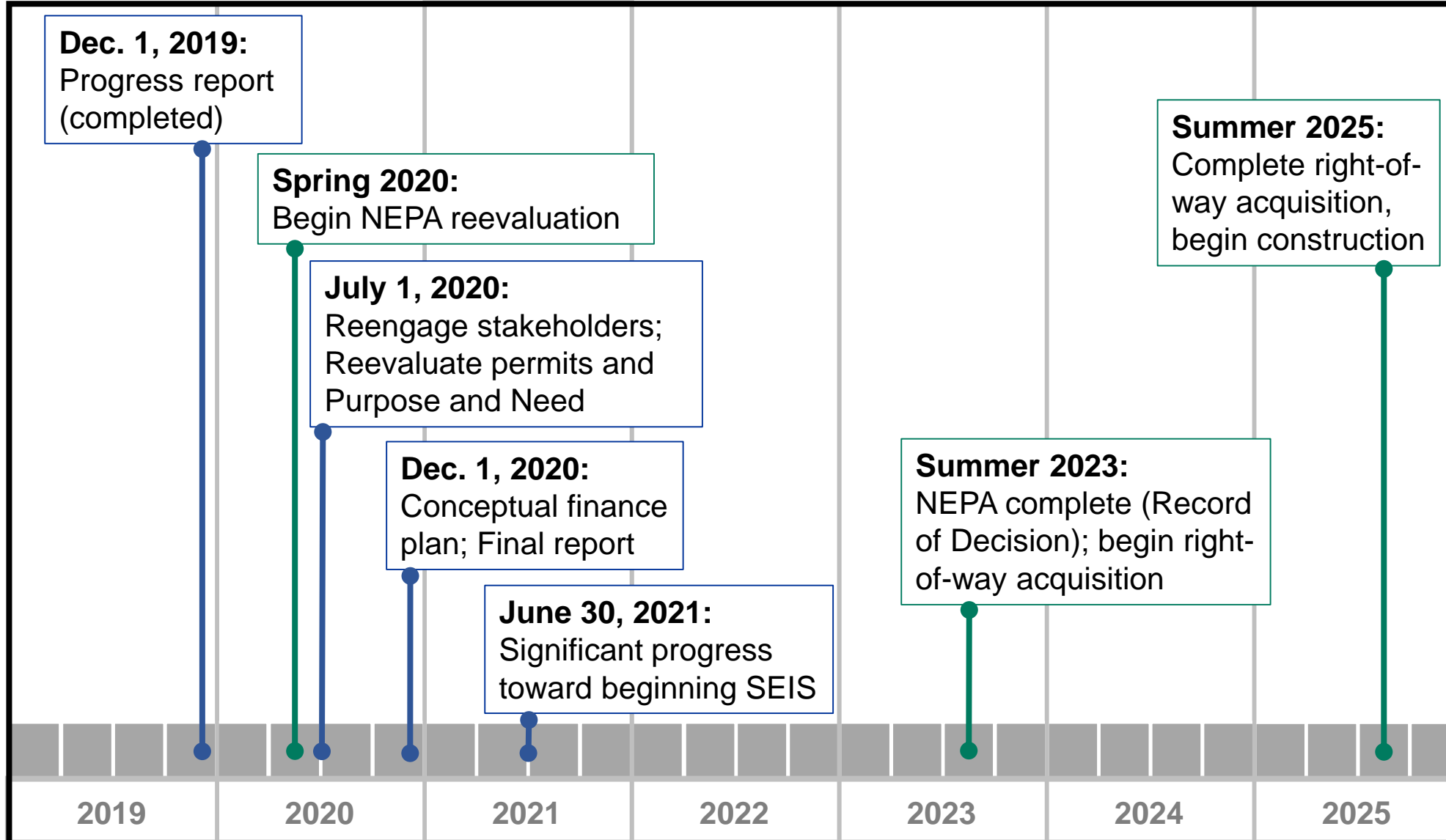
Background: Work that Will Guide the IBR Program



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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



**Legislative
Milestone**



**Milestones
Provided to
FHWA**

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

Initiating Work: Conceptual Timeline

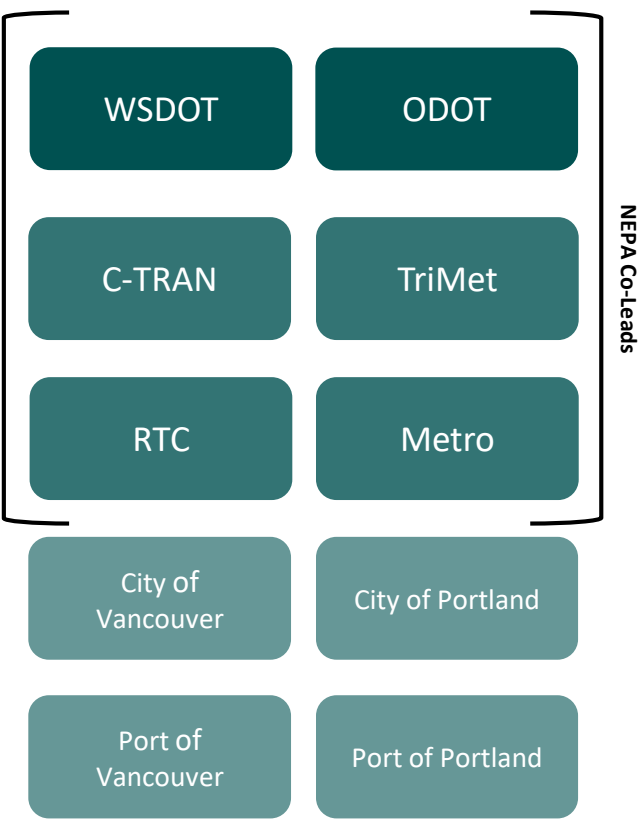


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Facilitated Partnering Process

- 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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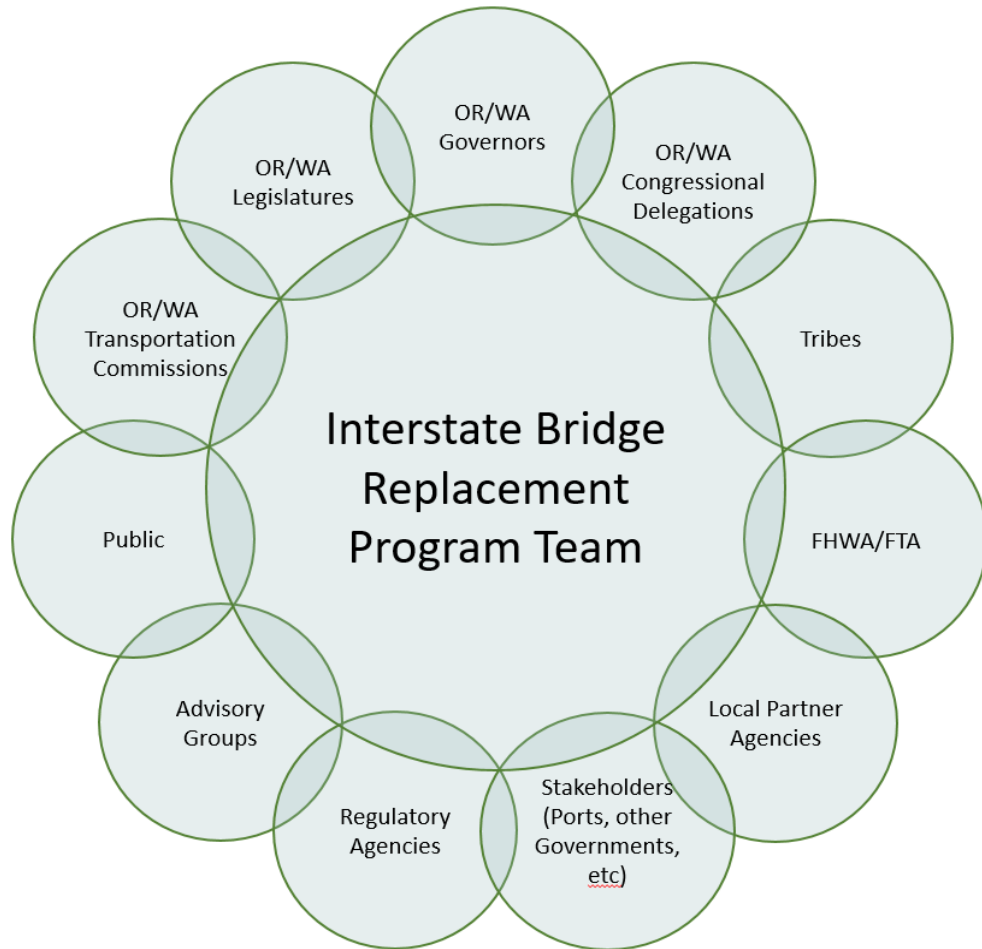
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Stakeholder Reengagement



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

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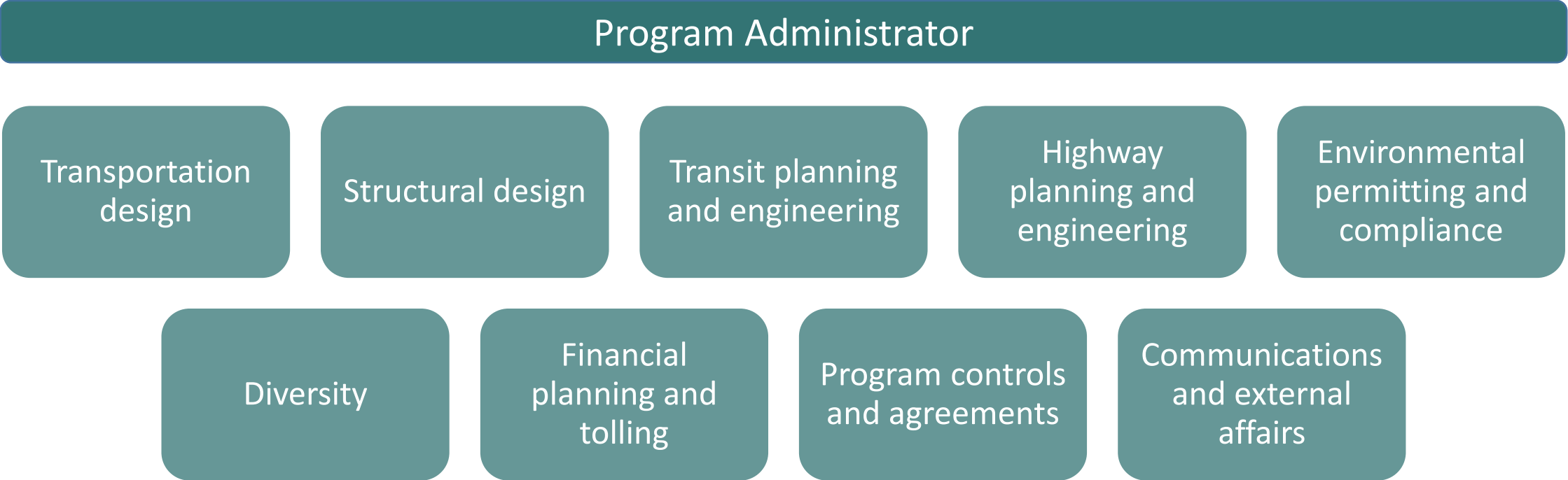
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Program Office Key Functions



- 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

