



Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

Joint Committee on Transportation

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Initiating Efforts

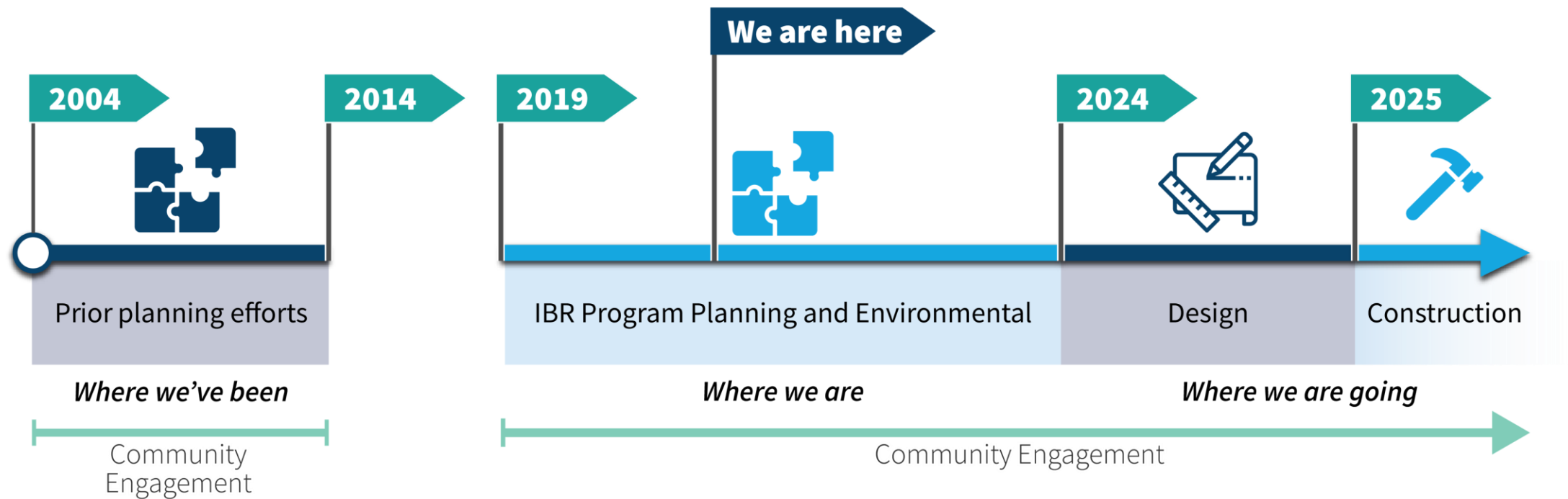
- ▶ \$80 million in combined funding dedicated by OR and WA as of March 2021
- ▶ Bi-State Memorandum of Intent signed by Governors Brown and Inslee Nov. 2019
- ▶ Bi-state legislative committee oversight and guidance to shape program work
- ▶ ODOT and WSDOT are jointly leading the program work in collaboration 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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Program timeline



Six Previously Identified Problems



Safety: Narrow lanes, no shoulders, poor sight distances, bridge lifts, and substandard ramp merging and diverging contribute to accidents.



Impaired freight movement:

Congestion and bridge lifts slow down freight carrying goods along I-5, a critical economic trade route on the west coast.



Congestion: Over 138,000 vehicles crossed the Interstate Bridge each week day in 2018, resulting in 7 to 10 hours of congestions during peak travel times.



Seismic resiliency:

In a major earthquake, the bridge would likely be substantially damaged, potentially beyond repair.



Inadequate bike & pedestrian paths:

Narrow shared-use paths, low railing heights, and lack of dedicated pathways impede safe travel.



Limited public transportation:

Limited transit options and existing bus service can be unreliable due to traffic congestion and/or bridge lifts.

Recent Engagement + Outreach

Targeted community engagement in February and March sought feedback on the transportation problems travelers experience and their values and priorities for replacing the bridge to help shape the program:

- ▶ **Online Open House**
- ▶ **Interactive Survey**
 - Over **9,000 participants**
 - **14,470 open-ended comments** received (as part of the online open house or survey)
- ▶ **Community Briefing Events**
- ▶ **Social Media**
- ▶ **Direct Stakeholder Engagement**
 - Organization Outreach
 - Multicultural Outreach
 - Public Comments
- ▶ **Advisory Group Input**
 - Executive Steering Group
 - Equity Advisory Group
 - Community Advisory Group
- ▶ **Listening Sessions**
 - Communities of Concern
 - Youth (ages 16 - 24)

Highlights from Recent Community Engagement

► Transportation Problems

- Widespread agreement across all types of engagement the ***six previously identified transportation problems still exist***
- The following problems consistently identified as the highest concerns:
 1. *Congestion + reliability*
 2. *Earthquake vulnerability*
 3. *Addressing safety concerns*

► Additional Priorities Identified

- Considerations of greenhouse gases, the climate and environment
- Commitment to equity, underserved and underrepresented communities

► Community Values

- Ensuring the bridge is safe
- Working together as a region
- Ensuring accessibility and easy transit options
- Creating an iconic and affordable bridge
- Remembering and sharing our regional history
- Building a modern bridge for the next 100 years
- All modes exist safely together on the bridge

► Design Options

- Majority of open-ended comments focused on solutions and design details

Next Steps

- ▶ The program will continue to utilize and update past work to maximize previous investment and support efficient decision-making to identify design options that reflect changes since the previous project and current community priorities
- ▶ The program will work with partners to identify what has changed contextually and physically to help determine what design options should be considered
- ▶ The program is committed to working with partners, advisory groups and the community to embed equity and climate considerations throughout the program in actionable and measurable ways to help shape design options and identify other benefits

Funding Conversations in WA Legislature

	House Transportation Committee	Senate Transportation Committee
Timeframe	16 years	16 years
Potential revenue	\$22.3 Billion	\$17.8 Billion
Funding mechanism	Gas tax, carbon fee, misc	Gas tax, Cap & Invest, misc
Interstate Bridge Replacement funding	\$1 Billion*	\$1.2 Billion**

*As of March 31, 2021

**As of January 28, 2021

- ▶ Once full bill language is released, the House and Senate must reconcile the two revenue proposals before the end of the session
- ▶ Regular session ends April 25



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