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TO: Chair Ramos and Transportation and Mobility Commission members
CC: Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Director, Community Development Department

FROM: Shilpa Mallem, Deputy Design Manager, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

RE: **Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program Update**

Introduction

Staff of the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) program will provide a brief status update and discuss next steps for the program.

Overview/Preview

IBR staff will provide members of the City of Vancouver's Transportation and Mobility Commission (TMC) with a brief overview of the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), recent program work and activities, as well as next steps.

Background

The Modified LPA and associated program area investments are currently undergoing environmental evaluation as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to better understand the benefits, impacts, and tradeoffs. In late 2023, the IBR program will publish a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) which will disclose the findings of the environmental evaluation and proposed mitigations for adverse impacts. The document will be available to the public for review and comment during a 60-day public comment period. Community events such as public hearings and open houses will be scheduled to share findings and answer questions.

After the 60-day public comment period closes, refinements to the Modified LPA will be made to address comments, identify mitigation, and confirm a corridor-wide alternative that best addresses the transportation problems to ensure a safe and effective multimodal corridor. Refinements will result in a Final SEIS and Amended Record of Decision issued by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in late 2024. At this stage, the IBR program will be able to apply for permits, update cost estimates, and further design.

Action, Timeline, Next Steps

No action is requested with this presentation; this presentation is informational and will provide the TMC with an update on the IBR program's recent work and activities as well as next steps. In October 2023, IBR program staff will return to the TMC to provide additional information about the framework

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and forthcoming details that will be released with the draft SEIS. Also at that meeting, City staff will share information about consultant support work on development of a Downtown Transit District, multimodal infrastructure connections, placemaking, and urban design in relation to IBR program elements.

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