

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

Jingle & Mingle

Please join us for our annual holiday party! VHNA will provide meat and cutlery, you provide the side dish or salad to share.

There will also be a White Elephant gift exchange, run by Miki Landis. Bring something useless, funny, and inexpensive (and less than \$10 if purchased) if you'd like to participate. The sillier, the better!

Join us for food, laughs, community, and merriment with your neighbors. All are welcome!

Hope to see you there,
-Your Vancouver Heights
Neighborhood Association

please join VHNA for our

Annual Holiday Party

December 5th at 6 P. M.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
8310 MacArthur Blvd

Vancouver Public Works Operations crews will be placing a leaf box in the Vancouver Heights neighborhood the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24 for the convenience of residents there.

In Vancouver, property owners are responsible for managing the leaves from their trees. Deliberately raking or blowing leaves into the street and leaving them there is unlawful. Street sweepers are generally no match for big, wet, heavy piles of leaves, which can cause localized flooding.

The free leaf disposal program is intended to provide options for Vancouver residents with a lot of trees, while also protecting our stormwater system and streets from flooding.

Leaf boxes are typically be placed by late Friday afternoon (unless it is a holiday weekend, then placement will occur earlier) and picked up early morning Monday of the weekend noted above. This is a City of Vancouver Solid Waste program that helps make leaf recycling easier for those in leafy neighborhoods who may not be able to haul leaves to free coupon drop-off sites.

Please remember:

LEAVES ONLY: No other yard debris, nor any garbage, is allowed in the leaf box.

NO PLASTIC BAGS: If you use plastic bags for transporting, empty leaves into the box. Then take plastic bags home for reuse or toss into your garbage cart if reuse is not possible.

DON'T PUT LEAVES IN STREETS: Help prevent localized flooding of streets. Never blow or rake leaves into the street where they clog storm drains. The City does not pick up leaves.

CHECK BACK: If you don't see the leaf box at its designated location, crews have most likely removed the box to be emptied. Please check back in an hour or so, as it should be returned by that time. Thank you for your patience.

NOTE: Please avoid parking in the leaf box location during the weekend listed above.

Leaf box location:

SE 98th Ave and SE 12th St

Outdoor Burning

Permits are required for burning yard debris and land clearing – in areas where burning is allowed.

Can I burn on my property?

Outdoor burning of yard debris or for land clearing purposes is illegal within city limits and urban growth areas. To determine if you can burn on your property, view the [No Burn Area maps](#) online or contact the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCCA) at 360.574.3058.

Burning permits

Small debris piles

Permits for small open burning fires, less than 10 feet in diameter, can be obtained online or at your local fire district station.

Land clearing and large debris piles

Burning permits for general land clearing and for debris piles in excess of 10 feet in diameter can be obtained for a fee.

All burn permits are now processed online. Create an [LMS account](#) and apply under Fire, Burn (BUR). Once completed, reach out to firemar@clark.wa.gov and provide them with your permit number and request in order for your permit to be processed.



Vancouver, let's plant trees!

**Friends of Trees
volunteers are planting
trees in your
neighborhood this year.**

**Sign up at
FriendsofTrees.org/Get-a-Tree
by **December 18th** and we'll
send you a list of trees
appropriate to plant along
your curb or in your yard.**

**Thanks to our partnership
with the City of Vancouver,
and the help of our
volunteers, we will plant
your tree(s) for a \$35 co-
pay per tree.**



Find out more & sign up at
FriendsofTrees.org



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How Easy GETTING A TREE Can Be!

¡QUÉ FÁCIL PUEDE SER OBTENER UN ÁRBOL!



1.
**SAY "YES!"
TO A TREE!**

¡DIGA "SÍ" A UN ÁRBOL!



2.

**WE HELP YOU PICK
A PLANTING SPOT.**

TE AYUDAMOS A ELEGIR UN SITIO DE PLANTACIÓN.



3.
**PICK OUT
YOUR TREE.**

ESCOGE TU ÁRBOL.



4.

**WE HELP YOU
PLANT!**

¡TE AYUDAMOS A PLANTAR!

IBR Program Update

Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

October 24, 2024

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

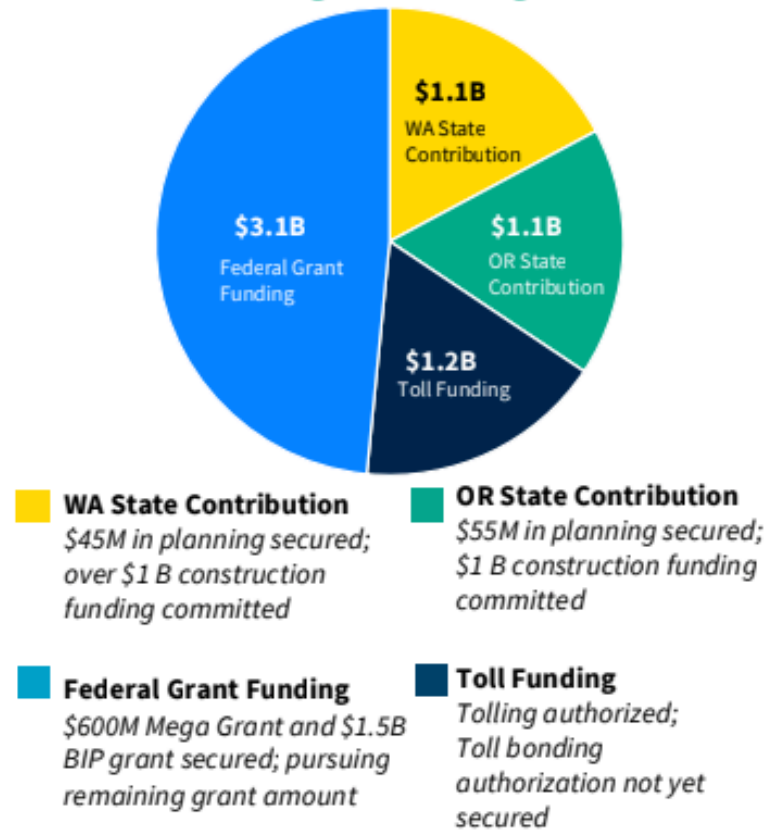
The Draft SEIS evaluates the Modified LPA in comparison to the No-Build Alternative.

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

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



Updated as of 08.2024

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Joint Commission Meeting for I-5 Bridge

- ▶ An I-5 Bridge Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee was set up with two commissioners from each state to recommend toll rates and policies to the full Commissions.
- ▶ In a recent meeting with the Oregon and Washington Transportation Commissions they approved four toll rate scenarios recommended by the subcommittee.
- ▶ These scenarios will be studied in the Level 3 Investment Grade Toll Traffic and Revenue Study:
 - Toll rates ranging from \$1.55 to \$4.70 per trip
 - Truck toll rate multipliers ranging from 1.5x to 4x
 - Low-income toll program with a 50% discount for registered individuals at or below the 200% federal poverty level
- ▶ This does not identify final toll rates or policies, but moves them forward for additional analysis.



Next monthly subcommittee meeting: November 15

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
- ▶ Evaluate our presentation and share your demographic information with our QR code



October 24, 2024

Events

Event Title	Date	Location
Vancouver Heights Holiday Party	Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Derek Chin from The Red Cross	Thursday, January 23rd @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker - Jay Housgard from C-Tran	Thursday, February 27th @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Your generous donations have
made our December holiday party
and annual neighborhood picnic
possible. Thank you for enriching
our community with your support!*

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Report potholes, graffiti, sign damage, and non-working streetlights



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Vancouver city limits, please email:
opsdispatch@cityofvancouver.us

Or use the City of Vancouver app on your
smartphone or other mobile device.

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