

## **Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau**

**Group/Organization:** Queen Anne/Magnolia District Council  
**Date:** December 2, 2002, 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Center (157 Roy)  
**Team Members:** Kirk Jones, Lee Holloway, Sarah Brandt

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### **Overview**

Kirk Jones presented the Magnolia Bridge slideshow, describing the history of the bridge and the process developed to design a replacement facility. He described the nine surviving alternative alignments, described the project team's next steps, and answered questions from the group. Approximately 18 people were in attendance.

### **Notes**

Members of the committee asked the following questions (responses are included in *italics*):

- When will you identify three final alternatives? At the upcoming open house (December 5, 2002)? *No, we're still seeking input, so we will identify three final alternatives shortly after the open house.*
- Have you included in your criteria consideration from an evacuation point of view? *The project team hasn't really looked at evacuation procedures, but we have looked at emergency response.*
- In thinking about Magnolia as an island, have you considered earthquake safety? *Yes. Any structure we build will have to consider seismic safety, and any alternative we select will meet necessary standards.*
- Has Dravus been reinforced? Is it seismically sound? *Yes, it has been retrofitted.*
- Has Emerson been retrofitted? *Yes. In fact, the joint that failed during the last earthquake was designed to do so.*
- Is the northern route (D) attractive to the Port? *Mark Griffin, Port of Seattle, said that Alternative D would possibly be attractive. Kirk Jones added that it would be an improvement over the current bridge's location in terms of developing the Port property.*
- Have you considered neighborhood impacts, particularly for those routes that cross and connect to the middle of Thorndyke? *Yes. Alternatives E and F are*

*starting to fall out of consideration due, in part, to those impacts. In addition, the east-west connections through Magnolia don't connect well, so funneling traffic in that direction won't work very well.*

- John Coney informed the council that he has been supporting the consideration of a fourth access point to better connect Queen Anne to Magnolia.
- Magnolia has a distinct island feel, and you stated at the Port's Neighborhood Advisory Committee that all three connections to Magnolia carried about the same amount of traffic. Is that true? *Yes, each carries roughly 20,000 vehicles per day.*

### **Action Items**

None.

### **Briefing Materials**

- Copy of the PowerPoint presentation.
- Alignment descriptions.
- Aerial photograph.