

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Magnolia / Queen Anne District Council
Date: November 14, 2005; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Magnolia Community Center
Team Members: Kirk Jones, Cela Fortier, Pete Smith, Chelsea Tennyson

Overview

Kirk Jones presented a project overview to the Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council highlighting the current replacement alternatives, the Rehabilitation Alternative, the environmental analysis to date, cost and risk information, project timeline, and the upcoming selection of a Preferred Alternative. Approximately 15 members of the council attended.

John Coney, representing the Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council, presented a letter to the Mayor, Seattle City Council and Port of Seattle requesting a Magnolia Bridge Emergency Plan to address protocol in the event the bridge had to be shut down in an emergency.

Questions/Comments

- How can you say a closure time of 14-20 months is not a significant impact?
- From CityIce's and Trident's perspective, it seems Alternative D would be very disruptive.
- The current bridge would have to be closed during construction for any of the alternatives. Is that correct?
- What is the process for getting to a Preferred Alternative?
- Is the City leaning towards any one alternative over another?
- The letter requesting an emergency plan seems to elevate Alternatives C and D. It doesn't seem appropriate for the District Council to endorse a particular alternative. [The Council moved to send the letter with the addition of a line explicitly stating that the Council does not endorse one alternative over another.]