

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Seattle City Council Transportation Sub-Committee
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Team Members: Kirk Jones, Teresa Platt, Pete Smith, Brad Hoff

Overview

The design team briefed the Seattle City Council's Transportation Committee on the elongated schedule and the three build alternatives that will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). At the last Committee briefing the project team estimated completing the process in 2004. This was the Committee's first official review of a schedule calling for a 2005 completion. Kirk also explained the intersection/ramp options for the alternatives.

Notes

Questions raised by Committee members:

Conlin: Currently is the 21st access road closed?

Jones: There is a gate across the end of 21st Ave. The "road" along the toe of the bluff is a bicycle/pedestrian path.

Conlin: Is it unusual to have a signalized intersection on a bridge?

Jones: While not very common, there are several recent examples, such as the new Atlantic St bridge over 4th Ave S.

Wills: What are the Ports plans?

Jones: They are early on in their master planning process. One positive aspect about our schedule being pushed back is that it dovetails nicely with their process.

Conlin: How many homes and businesses are displaced by the northern section of H?

Jones: I don't have the exact count but I think it's five homes.

Wills: With alternative A, how long will the bridge be shut down?

Jones: The bridge would be closed about a year under alternative A and few months less with D. Of course one advantage for H is that the northern section could be built first.

Conlin: Do the traffic numbers include what the Ports plans for their property?

Jones: We're not sure what the Port is planning so our numbers are based on a full build out under current zoning.

Wills: What's the projected lifespan of the new bridge?

Jones: We'd expect 75 to 100 years.

Smith: We're anticipating a concrete structure, which will stand up much better to the salt air in that marine environment.

Conlin: Thank you for the briefing. It was an excellent presentation. When will you be back?

Jones: We're planning to brief you around the release of the preliminary DEIS in late Spring.

Briefing Materials

- PowerPoint Presentation