

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Magnolia Farmers Market
Date: July 24, 2004 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Blaine School
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Overview

Project team members staffed a small table at the Farmers Market with the traveling display and handouts introducing Alternative C. Between 30 and 40 people stopped by to review the alternatives and ask questions.

Questions/Comments

- Many asked if a decision has been made yet, and inquired about the overall schedule through completion of the bridge.
- Most people expressing a preference about the alternatives liked A the best, as it represents a straight shot that is a known quantity to the community. Several people also disliked C because it would require drivers to go out of their way compared to the existing bridge. A couple of people thought that Alternative C was a good option because the Port will be developing the North Bay property.
- While most people had heard of the project, a few new Magnolia residents had not and appreciated our presence at the market.
- One person voiced skepticism about whether public input was actually being considered, and wondered if a decision had already been made. He thought the existing review process was lengthy and too expensive.