



DRAFT AGENDA

Bi-State Bridge Replacement Working Group
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022 / 2:00-3:00p
1000 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River, OR

Members: Chair, Mike Fox (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Vice Chair, Jake Anderson (Commissioner), Klickitat County; Catherine Kiewit (Mayor), City of Bingen; Marla Keethler (Mayor), City of White Salmon; Kate McBride (Mayor), City of Hood River; Bob Benton (Commissioner), Hood River County

Alternates: Kristi Chapman (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Arthur Babitz (Commissioner), Hood River County; Joe Sullivan, City of Bingen (Councilor); Jason Hartmann (Councilor), City of White Salmon; David Sauter (Commissioner), Klickitat County; Jessica Metta (Councilor), City of Hood River.

Staff/Consultants: Kevin Greenwood (Project Director), Port of Hood River; Genevieve Scholl (Interim Executive Director), Port of Hood River; Hal Hiemstra, Summit Strategies.

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| 1. | Welcome | 2:00 |
| 2. | June 12 Regular Meeting Minutes | 2:01 |
| 3. | Commission Formation Agreements Update | 2:02 |
| 4. | Federal Advocacy Trip | 2:12 |
| | A. Air | |
| | B. Hotel | |
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| | D. Video | |
| 5. | RBMC Review and Recommendation | 2:25 |
| 6. | Commissioner Fox BBQ, July 30 | 2:45 |
| 7. | Project Updates/Other Items | 2:50 |
| 8. | Next Meeting, August 16, 2022 | 3:00 |

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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bi-State Working Group Meeting Summary

Monday, June 13, 2022 | 2pm – 4pm

Port of Hood River – Commission Board Room & via Zoom
1000 E Port Marina Drive, Hood River OR 97031

In Attendance:

Members: Chair, Mike Fox (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Vice Chair, Jake Anderson (Commissioner), Klickitat County; Catherine Kiewit (Mayor), City of Bingen via Zoom; Marla Keethler (Mayor), City of White Salmon; Kate McBride (Mayor), City of Hood River; Bob Benton (Commissioner), Hood River County.

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Staff/Consultants: Kevin Greenwood (Project Director), Port of Hood River; Michael McElwee (Executive Director), Port of Hood River; Dan Bates, Thorn Run Partners; Miles Pengilly, Thorn Run Partners; Brad Boswell, Boswell Consulting; Hal Hiemstra, Summit Strategies; Steve Siegel Consulting

Guests: None

Welcome

Commissioner Mike Fox opened the session and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from May 13 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Government Affairs Contracts

Commissioner Fox reported that Sen. King will be pursuing another \$70-\$100 million next year for the Bridge Replacement Project (“Project”). Staff has recently submitted a grant application for \$195 million. Commissioner Fox noted that Oregon needs to contribute at least the equivalent amount as Washington for the Project and asked Miles Pengilly of Thorn Run Partners how they plan to do that. Pengilly replied that their number one goal for the 2022 interim and upcoming 2023 session is to seek a large portion of funding through a transportation package.

Dan Bates of Thorn Run Partners commented that he believes a transportation package will not happen until 2025. Bates added that about a third of legislation members are going to be new and they would all have to be educated on the Project. Thorn Run Partners will continue to do the work that they did last time and invited the Bi-state Working Group (BSWG) members to educate others on the need for the Project. They will also be spending a lot of time with stake holders and raising the need for investment.

Commissioner Fox commented that they cannot wait until 2025 for funding and requested that they find other alternatives.

Mayor Catherine Kiewit commented that she met with Sen. King last week and believes that if Oregon does not contribute more funds to the bridge replacement project before 2025 then that could make Washington more cautious about investing additional funds. Bates commented that he believes that in Oregon it's not a lack of support, but rather they are waiting for a transportation package that make these types of investments. Bates is highly confident that if there is funding available for the state to spend on this Project that they have the support they need. Bates does not believe there is an opportunity for funding in 2022.

Kevin Greenwood turned to Brad Boswell of Boswell Consulting for a brief update. Bowell reported that they will be engaging with both the Department of Transportation and Office of Financial Management on phasing of the \$75 million from the transportation package. The package also appropriated funds to Washington Transportation Commission for an internal tolling study. Boswell believes that it will take another transportation package to boost funding significantly more.

Greenwood commented that Hall Hiemstra of Summit Strategies has been working on legislative support for the joint INFRA grant application for \$195 million. Hiemstra is also coordinating their annual advocacy trip to Washington DC. Another funding opportunity has recently become available. The deadline is set for August and staff will be applying. Greenwood provided a brief update on the status of all funding.

Federal Advocacy Trip

Greenwood presented the itinerary for the upcoming advocacy trip. The Port has budgeted for these expenses and will cover individual rooms for two nights. The Port will also pay for airfare, taxis, and meals. A two-page handout will be provided to the group. It is encouraged to be brief and informative during their meetings in Washington D.C.

Miles Pengilly

Miles Pengilly reported that he is leaving Thorn Run Partners at the end of the month and has accepted a position at Metro in Portland. Commissioner Fox gave thanks to Pengilly for all his work over the years.

Governance Update

Steve Siegel of Steve Siegel Consulting provided an overview of what is to come in the following months. The statutes passed and are essentially the same in both Oregon and Washington. Both statutes require that local governments enact and execute a Commission Formation Agreement (CFA) to form the Bi-State Bridge Authority (BSBA). In addition, the CFA must provide a roadmap for how the governance of the Replacement Bridge will transition from BSWG/POHR to the BSBA. Under the proposed schedule, the CFA is approved and executed in December 2022 and BSBA begins July 2023. Siegel presented a CFA transition schedule.

Siegel continued with the required items in the CFA. It is required that a name be given to the BSBA. Siegel and Commissioner Bob Benton have come up with the name of Mid-Columbia Bridge Commission ("Commission"), however, they are open to other name suggestions. A primary place of business also needs to be determined. The primary place of business determines which state's laws are generally applicable to the Commission. Siegel recommends that there be six voting directors, three appointed by Klickitat County and three by Hood River County. Formal actions of Board are also required. The current draft proposes that

a minimum of four affirmative votes would be required to pass an ordinance or resolution. Siegel discussed the transition provisions in CFA. The draft proposes that POHR staffs the Commission until the Commission retains its own staff. The CFA outlines how the Commission and POHR will jointly and cooperatively budget costs/revenues for the replacement bridge. The draft also notes that POHR continues as grantee for the \$5 million BUILD grant and the \$5 million Washington and Oregon grants awarded in 2021. The Commission will be the grantee for any new grants awarded for the Project, including the upcoming \$75 million Washington grant. Greenwood asked how much in reserves is anticipated to be needed. Siegel replied that there should be a minimum of about \$10-\$15 million in reserves. Siegel suggests that a toll increase should be considered to obtain the reserves, as well as conditional pledges from local or state governments.

Commissioner Chapman asked if the formation of the BSBA would allow them to apply for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant that is for cities and counties only. Bates replied that the BSBA is Special Districts and therefore believes that they would not be able to participate in grants that are only for cities and counties. Siegel added that the cities or counties could apply for the grant and through an Intergovernmental Agreement provide the funding to the Project. Siegel clarified that as a legal matter, the BSBA is not Special Districts and is governed as if it were a municipal corporation.

Hal Hiemstra of Summit Strategies has identified two federal grant opportunities the Bridge Infrastructure Program (BIP) and Safe Street and Roads for All (SS4A). Hiemstra is recommending that they not apply until after their advocacy trip so that they can incorporate any suggestions from USDOT staff.

RBMC Negotiation Update

Commissioner Fox called the BSWG into Executive Session to discuss RBMC negotiations.

Adjourn

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022. Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.

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Bi-State Bridge Authority Formation Update

PRESENTED TO BI-STATE WORKING GROUP

JULY 11, 2022

What is Coming; What is Needed

- ▶ Draft 1 Commission Formation (CFA) will be sent for your review on Friday, July 15th.
- ▶ Comments on Draft 1 requested by August 4th.
- ▶ Anticipate two more rounds of review, with BSWG recommending CFA to local governing bodies in October.
- ▶ In addition to your review, request Draft 1 be reviewed in detail by your Attorneys

What does CFA address?

- Fulfills statutory requirements to charter the Bi-State Bridge Commission
- Includes additional provisions that:
 - ✓ Permit the Commission to function without spending a lot of time on governance issues when it gears up
 - ✓ Establishes a roadmap on how the transition will phase in over next 1-2 years

Items required by Statutes

- Name: Mid-Columbia Bridge Commission
- Effective Date of Commission: July 1, 2023
- Primary Place of Business: TBD, still be researched
- Board of Directors:
 - Six voting Directors, three appointed by Klickitat County and three by Hood River County; nominations from cities and port
 - BSWG are Ex Officio Members until June 30, 2025, unless extended.
 - Board may add other Ex Officio Members from time to time
- Board Co-Chairs: Basic requirements for co-chairs are in statute. CFA adds:
 - First 6 months, co-chairs appointed from among Ex Officio Members
 - After first 6 months, co-chairs Directors appointed by Board for 2-year term
- Board Actions: 4 votes required to pass an ordinance/resolution. Interim rules establish procedures

Additional Provisions to Facilitate Transition and Start Up

- ▶ Local Government Coordination: Dissolves BSWG (because BSWG added as Ex Officio Members). Requires replacement for BSWG when Ex Officio Members sunset.
- ▶ Grant and Contract Administration: Port administers existing grants. Commission administers new grants.
- ▶ Personnel and Staffing: Staffing provided by Port until Commission retains own staff. Commission must retain its own General Counsel.
- ▶ Capitalization of Reserves: Parties to use best efforts to agree on plan to fund Commission reserves. Port to use best efforts to preserve proceeds from 2018 toll increase for the Commission.
- ▶ Others

Interim Rules for Commission (Exhibit 2)

- ▶ Interim rules applicable until Board adopts superseding rules.
- ▶ Exhibit 2 provides interim rules for:
 - ▶ Conduct of Board (Initial appointments, removal of a Director by Board, etc.)
 - ▶ Conduct of Board Meetings (Public notice, etc.)
 - ▶ Board Co-Chairs (Interim co-chairs for first 6 months, etc.)
 - ▶ Board Actions (Requirements for enacting ordinances and resolutions, etc.)
 - ▶ Contracting (Use rules of county of Primary Place of Business, etc.)
 - ▶ Budgeting (Budget committee, public notice, etc.)

Coordination of Port and Commission Budgets during Transition (Exhibit 3)

- ▶ Budgets of Port and Commission integrally linked, possibly until Replacement Bridge opens
- ▶ Requires Port and Commission budgets for Replacement Bridge to be coordinated
- ▶ Provides procedures on how coordination is accomplished

Should CFA be Divided into 2 or 3 Separate Agreements?

- ▶ There are pros and cons to having as one agreement
- ▶ Will provide recommendation by Draft 3
- ▶ For now easier to follow as one agreement

Questions?



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PORT OF HOOD RIVER/BSWG

Represented By:

The Honorable Mike Fox, Chair, Hood River/White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project Bi-State Working Group, Commissioner, Port of Hood River, Oregon

The Honorable Marla Keethler, Mayor, City of White Salmon, Washington, Member BSWG

The Honorable Kate McBride, Mayor, City of Hood River, Oregon. Member, BSWG

The Honorable Jake Anderson, Chair, Klickitat County, Washington Commission, Member BSWG

Mr. Kevin Greenwood, Bridge Replacement Project Manager, Port of Hood River, Oregon

Accompanied by Hal Hiemstra, Partner, Summit Strategies Govt Affairs - 202-494-3104

JULY 18 - 21, 2022

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022

FLY TO DCA, (ALASKA AIRLINES LEAVES PDX AT 9:55 AM, ARRIVES DCA AT 5:55)

GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO YOTEL HOTEL, 415 NEW JERSEY AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

7:30 PM DINNER AT THE DUBLINER (CASUAL, NO RESERVATION REQUIRED)

4 F ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2020

9:00 AM MEET AT SUMMIT STRATEGIES OFFICES TO REVIEW SCHEDULE, DISCUSS TALKING POINTS AND

SPEAKING ROLES FOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS

440 1ST ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

10:30 AM REP. DAN NEWHOUSE AND BEN SAVERCOOL (LEGISLATIVE AIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

504 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

CALL OFFICE @202-225-5816 UPON ARRIVAL AT 10:30 AM NEW JERSEY AND INDEPENDENCE AVE

12:30 PM AMANDA WYMA-BRADLEY (LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, TRANSPORTATION) AND AUSTYN SMITH (LEGISLATIVE AIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

154 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

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12:15 PM TO CHECK IN AT THE RUSSELL APPOINTMENT DESK, THEN CALL AUSTYN @ 202-436-0171

7/8/2022 9:51 PM



- 1:30 PM** **REP. EARL BLUMENAUER AND TUCKER JOHNSON (LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, TRANSPORTATION)**
1111 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
CALL ZOE @202-579-7404 UPON ARRIVAL AT 1:15 PM INDEPENDENCE AVE SIDE OF LONGWORTH
- 2:00 PM** **KATHERINE AMBROSE (DIRECTOR, PACIFIC NORTHWEST, HOUSE T&I COMMITTEE)**
2165 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
- 2:45 PM** **SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY AND CAITLIN BUCHANAN (POLICY ADVISER, TRANSPORTATION)**
531 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
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BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND STREETS NE AT 2:30 PM
- 3:30 PM** **SENATOR RON WYDEN**
221 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
- 4:15 PM** **REP. CLIFF BENTZ AND ABIGAIL MICHOS (LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, TRANSPORTATION)**
1239 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
CALL 202-225-6730 UPON ARRIVAL INDEPENDENCE AVENUE ENTRANCE OF LONGWORTH AT 4 PM
- 6:45 PM** **DINNER AT SONOMA**
223 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20003

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- 12:00 PM** **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: BUILD AMERICA BUREAU (TIFIA) – MORTEZA FARAJIAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILLIAM RESCH, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT LEAD, LINDSEY TEEL, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT LEAD, AND VALERIE BURNETTE, OUTREACH COORDINATOR / FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) – TIM ARNADE, LEADER, CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, ALINA ZAIDI, CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON, BRIAN LOMAX, CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON, AND HEATHER DEAN, TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST**
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20590
ARRIVE AT USDOT AT 11:45 AM AND CALL SARAH WILLIAMS AT 202-366-2704 TO GET INSIDE
- 2:00 PM** **NASEEM MEHYAR (LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF MARIA CANTWELL)**
THE "CHEF," DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
CALL NASEEM @202-579-6003 UPON ARRIVAL AT 1:45 SENATE HART ENTRANCE
- 4:00 PM** **WHITE HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR STAFF**
LOGISTICS INFORMATION TO COME



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THURSDAY, JULY 21

11:00 AM **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: JAMAL HABIBI, CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, CHAD PARKER, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM, JOSEPH BEN-ISRAEL, ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM, DEB JACKSON, DIRECTOR, DIRECT LOAN AND GRANT DIVISION, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM, AND JAMIE DAVENPORT, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM**
LOGISTICS INFORMATION TO COME

6:55 PM – DIRECT FLIGHT FROM DCA TO PDX (ALASKA AIRLINES – ARRIVES PDX 9:38 PM)

PENDING MEETING

- CONGRESSIONAL
 - REP. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER
 - RECEIVED

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Hood River – White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEED with Bi-State and Bi-Partisan Support

BRIDGE LOCATION

2022 INFRA/MPDG REQUEST: \$195 million for the replacement of the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge.

The existing, obsolete bridge connecting White Salmon, Washington and Hood River, Oregon needs replacement to support the safety, economic vitality and quality of life for people and water quality in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Significant efforts to replace the 98-year-old Hood River-White Salmon Bridge have been underway for over two decades.



The Hood River - White Salmon Bridge is 60 miles east of Portland, Oregon and spans the Columbia River (the only sea level passage through the Cascade Mountains) between Oregon and Washington.



construction in 1924

Bi-State Bridge Replacement Working Group has garnered broad support for **\$195 million** grant application including both state's federal congressional delegations.

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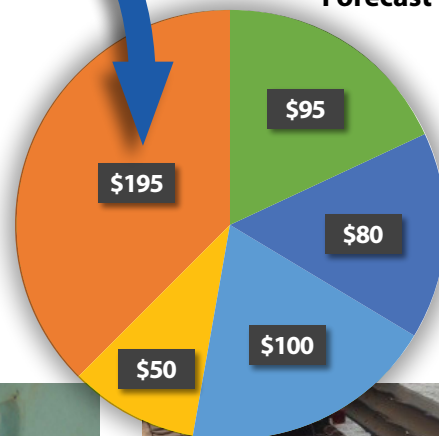
EXISTING OBSOLESCENCE

- \$57M of repairs planned through 2032.
- Bridge is weight limited to 64,000 lbs.
- 9.5' wide travel lanes with no pedestrian or bicycle facilities. Typical semi-trucks are 8.5' wide.
- Bridge has open-grid steel decking.
- 246' horizontal clearance is one of the most challenging navigational passages for barge operators.



Current steel bridge requires near constant repair

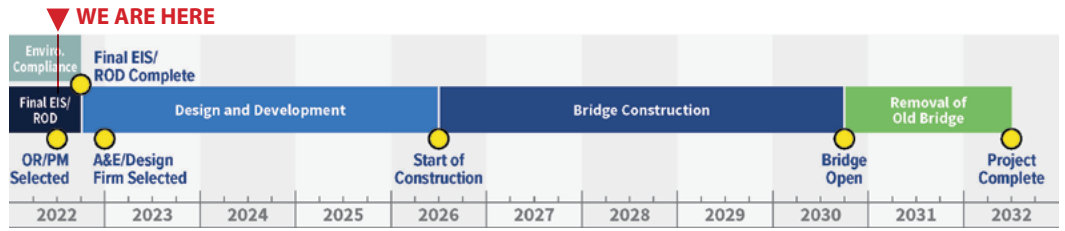
Replacement Bridge Forecast Cost Estimate: \$520 million



Financing (in millions)

- LOCAL
- INFRA '22
- WA '23
- OR '23/25
- RECEIVED





HISTORY

The 4,418 ft. bridge was originally constructed as a toll bridge in 1924. The bridge was vertically elevated and a lift span added in 1938 as the river water level was raised with the completion of the Bonneville Dam.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

The mid-Columbia region has almost 88,000 residents and a civilian workforce of over 43,000. The region includes Skamania and Klickitat counties in Washington and Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties in Oregon. Primarily used as a commuter bridge, it is a critical route to work and services for residents on both sides of the river. Alternate routes across the river require an additional 45-60 minutes of drive time, as the nearest alternate crossings of the Columbia are more than 20 miles away in each direction. *Other impacts include:*

- 4.5 million annual trips
- Steady 2.5% annual growth pre-Covid
- 55% of the users are Washington residents. 45% are from Oregon.
- Bridge lifts are requested 2-4 times a year. Another ten lifts are conducted for maintenance.
- More than 3 million tons of wheat and barley transit along the river annually with significant amounts of petroleum products, logs and wood chips also transported.

BENEFIT OF NEW BRIDGE

- Storm water collection system
- Better navigation
- Remove weight restrictions. Benefits many industries
 1. Fruit processors
 2. Timber/logging production
 3. Aggregate/concrete industry
- Safety
 1. Seismic resiliency
 2. Addition of shoulders
- Bike/Pedestrian use
- Elimination of Lift

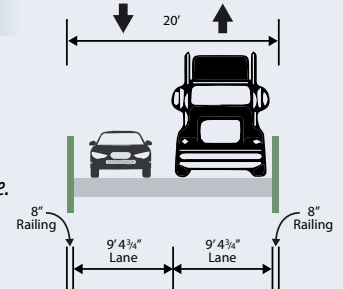


The existing Hood River - White Salmon Bridge is a choke point for both vehicular and maritime interstate and global commerce.

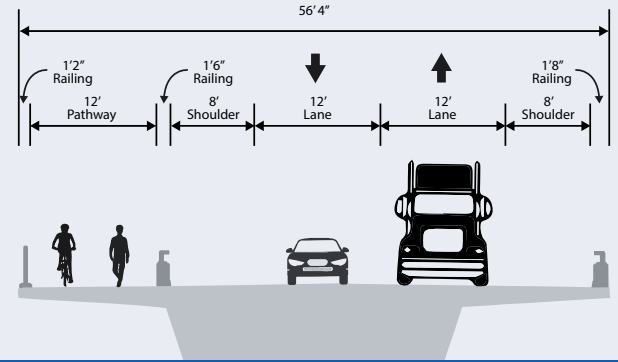
WIDTHS

EXISTING

9.5' wide travel lanes with no pedestrian or bicycle facilities. Typical semi-trucks are 8.5' wide.



PROPOSED



SUPPORT THE EFFORT *to build on the nearly \$100 million that has already been raised for this project*

Current backers of the \$195 million grant application:

- Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden
- Washington Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell
- Oregon Representatives Cliff Bentz and Earl Blumenauer
- Washington Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler
- Washington State Representative Dan Newhouse
- Port of Hood River
- Port of Klickitat
- City and County of Hood River, OR
- Cities of Bingen and White Salmon, WA
- Klickitat County, WA
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ADDITIONAL DETAILS AVAILABLE AT: portofhoodriver.com

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BSWG Memo

Prepared by: Kevin Greenwood
Date: July 12, 2022
Re: Project Management Contract w/HNTB

AS OF PACKET DISTRIBUTION TIME, OUTSIDE COUNSEL IS STILL FINISHING THE CONTRACT. ONCE COMPLETE, STAFF WILL EMAIL THE CONTRACT TO THE COMMISSION.

The BSWG's review of the Contract this afternoon completes the process for hiring a Management Contractor for the replacement of the Hood River Bridge. It is likely that this will be the longest duration contract during the replacement bridge effort as HNTB will be serving as the project Owner's Representative through bridge opening.

This contract includes a Detailed Work Plan for the next twelve months described in Exhibit A. The Work Plan closely matches the work described in the Request for Proposals (RFP) released in March. Every spring, HNTB and the Port/Bi-State Working Group (BSWG) will review subsequent work plans with amendments approved annually to authorize work.

Some items of note:

1. This contract has a December 31, 2026 expiration date which aligns with current funding, though amendments are likely until the new bridge is open and operating.
2. This is a Time and Materials contract with a Not to Exceed amount.
3. Contract is contingent on funding being made available. If for some reason funding was not available, the Port could terminate the Contract.
4. HNTB's billable rates must be approved by ODOT and updated annually. Any activities billed with non-approved rates will not be reimbursed by Federal Highways or ODOT. Rate schedules are not included in this contract but are incorporated by references.

Upon recommendation of approval by the BSWG and subsequent approval by the Port Commission, the Port will issue a Notice to Proceed on July 13th. A seven-day protest period begins at that point. Afterwards all procurement materials become public upon a public information request.

This contract is eligible for reimbursement by all current funding resources.

CONSENSUS TO PORT COMMISSION: Approve the Engineering and Related Services Contract with H-N-T-B Corporation for project management services related to the replacement of the Hood River Bridge in an amount not to exceed ONE-MILLION-SEVEN-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTY-NINE-THOUSAND-NINE-HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,739,908) for Fiscal Year 2022-23.



Project Director Report

July 12, 2022

The following summarizes Bridge Replacement Project activities from June 3-July 7, 2022:

PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PROCESS

- *Received comments from ODOT on July 6. Reviewed with HNTB, Arup and Bill Ohle (outside counsel).*
- *Ohle made adjustments and HNTB concurred.*
- *Notice to Proceed issued July 13.*
- *Action item on tonight's agenda*

WASHINGTON D.C. BSWG ADVOCACY TRIP

- *Plans are coming together for the July 18-21 advocacy trip to Washington DC*
- *Attendees include Mayor Kate McBride, City of Hood River; Mayor Marla Keethler, City of White Salmon; Chair Michael Fox, Bi-State Working Group/Port of Hood River Commissioner; Chair Jacob Anderson, Klickitat County; Kevin Greenwood, Project Director Port of Hood River; and Hal Hiemstra, Summit Strategies*
- *Asking four treaty tribes if they would like to sign on to bridge grant application*
- *Updated itinerary and two-page handout included in packet.*

GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

- *ODOT Region 1 has indicated that the state will be applying for a large Bridge Improvement Program (BIP) grant this fall and has suggested that the Port not apply. There is likely only going to be one large (\$100M+) award this year. The Bi-State Working Group will have a better sense of the intra-state dynamics after the Washington DC trip.*
- *The BUILD grant agreement negotiations continue with several exchanges over the last two weeks.*
- *Annual ARPA Report submitted to ODOT which was due at the end of June.*

GOVERNANCE/BRIDGE AUTHORITY PROGRESS

- *Steve Siegel and Bob Benton have been working through issues related to the Bi-State Bridge Authority Commission Formation Agreements (CFAs).*
- *The BSWG reviewed a first draft at their July 11th meeting.*
- *Each participating agencies' legal counsel is being encouraged to review and give comment.*
- *CFAs are on track for late fall agency adoption which would formalize the Authority in early 2023.*
- *A summary document prepared by Siegel is included in packet.*

TREATY FISHING RIGHTS MOU STATUS

- *Meetings continue later this month. ODOT met with Warm Spring last week.*

OTHER ITEMS

- *StoryGorge will be taking drone footage of the bridge this week to be used in a marketing video promoting bridge replacement.*
- *With the Oregon ARPA currently being used, Port is currently looking to amend ODOT's State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) to include bridge replacement. The project had been included in the prior STIP due to HB 2017 funding. Inclusion in the STIP helps with leveraging federal funding.*
- *Staff is generating cost estimates for possible development of Marina One office space for HNTB.*
- *Staff will be scheduling a government affairs strategy meeting for the '23 long session with the BSWG.*
- *There will be changes next January on the BSWG. Members McBride and Benton will not be running for office this fall. Hood River County alternate, Arthur Babitz, has been an active member on the BSWG. It's less clear who will represent the City of Hood River as the City's alternate, Jessica Metta, has also indicated that she is not running for council.*
- *Project Director part of CFO staff interview last week.*

MEETINGS

- *Governance Sub-committee, July 7*
- *WSP Weekly Check In, Jul 11*
- *BSWG, Jul 11*
- *Thorn Run Partners, Jul 23*
- *Port Commission, Jul 12*
- *Umatilla F&W Committee Presentation, Jul 12*
- *Diana Walker w/ Mott McDonald, Jul 13*
- *Cultural Resource, Jul 14*
- *Nez Perce, Jul 15*
- *Yakama, Jul 15*
- *Washington DC, Jul 18-21*
- *DEA Bridge Inspection, Jul 25*
- *WSP Weekly Check In, Jul 25*
- *NEPA/Cultural Resource, Jul 28*
- *WSP Weekly Check In, Aug 1*
- *Thorn Run Partners, Aug 2*
- *Klickitat County Transportation, Aug. 3*
- *Skamania County Transportation, Aug. 3*