



BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bi-State Working Group Meeting Summary

Monday, October 17, 2022 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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; Marla Keethler (Mayor), City of White Salmon; Kate McBride (Mayor), City of Hood River.

Alternates: Kristi Chapman (Commissioner), Port of Hood River; Arthur Babitz (Commissioner), Hood River County.

Staff/Consultants: Kevin Greenwood (Executive Director), Michael Shannon (Project Manager), HNTB; Kary Witt, HNTB; Steve Siegel, Siegel Consulting.

Guests: Michael Williams, WSDOT; Sean McMaster, Catherine Hovell; Kate Trimble; Jessica Pickul, JLA; Herb Fricke.

Welcome

Commissioner Mike Fox called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Information Items

- a. **Update on October 14 Meeting** – Michael Shannon, HNTB Project Manager, commented that the October 14 meeting was successful. Over 30 legislative representatives from Oregon and Washington attended the meeting. Commissioner Fox acknowledged the BSWG members and staff for their efforts in coordinating the event. Commissioner Arthur Babitz commented that what resonated with his group at the event was that the ladder fire truck was unable to cross the bridge due to its size. Mayor Kate McBride noted that the tolling discussion was confusing and added that it should be clarified where the money is going.
- b. **Update on DC Trip** – The DC Trip is scheduled for December 6 – 8. Commissioner Fox suggested taking the story boards that were used on the October 14 event. Commissioner Fox also suggested having a storyline when speaking to the Department of Transportation and the Tribal MOA's.
- c. **Status on Oregon Legislative Meetings** – Shannon reported that they continue to meet with Oregon legislators.
- d. **Grant Status** – There has been no change in the status of the grants. The submittal for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) will need to be resubmitted. Additional information was sent to the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant and Bridge Infrastructure Program (BIP).

- e. **Treaty MOA's 7 Section 106 MOA** – Shannon noted that there was legal review on the Treaty MOA's. Section 106 MOA is currently in legal review. Sec. 106 should be ready by the end of the year for signatures as well as the Biological Opinion (BiOp).
- f. **CFA 2nd Draft Review** – The 2nd draft of the Commission Formation Agreements (CFA) is in review by all parties. Shannon noted that the law does allow for TIFIA loans to be longer than 35 years, but it has never been done before. The Primary Place of Business (PPB) for the Bi-State Bridge Authority (BSBA) is permanent however the BSBA may have other offices or facilities in Oregon or Washington. Commissioner Fox asked for the BSWG's opinion. Commissioner Babitz feels that because of the Port of Hood River's (Port) history with Washington the political aspects outweigh the financial aspects. Commissioner Chapman disagrees and believes that the relationship has been corrected and added that the Port has a tolling system that could be contracted to the BSBA. Mayor McBride believes that based on the financial aspects the PPB should be in Oregon. Mayor Marla Keethler suggested that they reach out to the community for their input on the PPB. The BSWG consensus was to do public outreach to get input on the PPB and to provide an update on the Replacement Bridge Project.

Shannon clarified the CFA local appointments and noted that the cities could make appointments to the BSBA. Shannon highlighted the importance of the BSBA having independence from political elections. The BSWG consensus was to have the subcommittee review the CFAs appointment process and provide a recommendation.

Shannon also reported that the CFA legal review is underway. The Port's legal counsel and City of Hood River's legal counsel has reviewed the CFA and provided comments that will be incorporated into the document.

- g. **Amendment 1 HNTB** – Shannon noted that Amendment 1 has been submitted. The Amendment covers early geotechnical work, preliminary engineering work and bring key staff to full time on the project. Kevin Greenwood, Executive Director, noted that ARUP has provided their independent review of the scope and fee. Mayor McBride suggested looking at potential housing options to help reduce costs. There was consensus from the BSWG to recommend approval of Amendment 1 to the Port Commission.
- h. **Amendment 2 HNTB** – Kary Witt of HNTB introduced Kate Trimble for a brief presentation on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit program. TIFIA is a US DOT credit assistance program within the Build America Bureau. TIFIA is known to have the lowest interest rate and flexible amortization. Interest will not accrue until proceeds are drawn and there is no pre-payment penalty. Some of the TIFIA requirements include a \$50 million minimum project cost, credit assistance limit, and a dedicated repayment source. Trimble further explained the steps to obtain the TIFIA loan, the major requirements, and estimated timeline. There are fees associated with the TIFIA loan such as the reimbursement to US DOT for their outside advisors that could range from \$400k - \$700k. Next steps are to initiate consultation with the Build America Bureau, begin to build the team of advisors, and start compiling the Letter of Interest. Commissioner Fox commented that he is interested in knowing more on how to build their credit rating.

Action Items

- a. Possible storyboards and storyline for DC Trip.
- b. Organize a public outreach event to get input on the PPB and to provide an update on the Replacement Bridge Project.

- c. Subcommittee to review the CFAs appointment process and provide a recommendation.

Adjourn

Additional agenda items were deferred to the next BSWG meeting. Commissioner Fox adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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Bi-State Bridge Replacement Working Group Agenda

Meeting Date: October 31, 2022

Meeting Time: 2:00-4:00p

Location: 1000 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River, OR

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 980 7833 8082

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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 (Executive Director), Port of Hood River; Genevieve Scholl, Port of Hood River; Michael Shannon (Project Manager), HNTB;

1) Welcome

2) Approval of Minutes

- Bi-State Working Group Meeting Minutes 10/17/2022

3) Review of Previous Action Items

Priority	Description/ Expected Outcome	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Due Date	Resolution/ Current Status	Status
Med	HNTB submitted Amendment 1 for approval (Terms increase Project Manager - Michael Shannon, Project Controls Lead - Brian Munoz to full time for remainder of the contract, Advance Preliminary Engineering, Perform Early Geotech Investigation)	Mike Shannon	9/19/2022	10/17/2022	10/3/2022 - Amendment has been submitted to BSWG and ARUP for review 10/17/22 – Comments have been provided by ARUP and resolved 10/31/2022 – Amendment 1 was approved at the Oct 18 th Port Commission Meeting	Completed
Med	Track progress of BO following ODOT's commitment to have a draft in Mid-October Primary Contacts: Dennis Reicht: ODOT Tom Loynes – NOAA Liaison and Cash Chesselet – ODOT Environmental Program Coordinator	Mike Shannon	9/19/2022	10/17/2022	10/17/2022 Staff will follow up with ODOT next week on Draft Document 10/31/2022 – WSP to follow up with email to Dennis R on status of draft BO	In Progress
Med	Track Progress of the Final BO	Mike Shannon	9/19/2022	1/31/2023	No Update	In Progress
High	Recommendations on approach for appointees to the BSBC	Mike Shannon/Steve Siegel	10/03/2022	10/17/22	10/17/2022 – Options discussed with the BSWG 10/31/2022 – Decision on approach	In Progress
High	Review 2 nd Draft of CFA	Mike Shannon/Steve Siegel	10/03/2022	11/15/22	10/17/22 – options memo presented to the BSWG – direction from the board to	In Progress

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					obtain public input from WA and OR on location – follow up with JLA on what that will look lie.
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4) Informational Items

Time	Discussion Topic	Owner/Presenter
2 Min	Update on DC Trip	Mike Shannon
2 Min	Status on Oregon Legislative Meetings – Oct 17 – Oct 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Sosa (D-Hillsboro) • Representative Scharf (R-Amity) • Sen. Gorsek (D-Troutdale) 	Mike Shannon
5 Min	CFA 2 nd Draft Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Location • Local Appointments • Legal Reviews 	Mike Shannon
2 Min	Grant Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPDG • BIP 	Mike Shannon
5 Min	Treaty MOA's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yakama • Umatilla • Nez Perce • Warm Springs 	Mike Shannon
2 Min	NEPA/FEIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. 106 MOA • BiOp 	Mike Shannon
5 Min	RBMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotech • Preliminary Eng 	Mike Shannon
30 Min	Amendment 2 HNTB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOA's with Treaty Tribes • Funding Finance and Tolling • Communications 	Herb Fricke Kary Witt Jessica Pickul

5) Upcoming Actions

Description/ Expected Outcome	Anticipated Action Date
ODOT Tech Services IGA	Mid-October
HNTB Amendment 2	November
Project Delivery Method Determination	December
CFA Approval	January

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6) New Action Items

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Next Meeting, October 31, 2022



Hood River – White Salmon

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Director Report

October 31st, 2022

The following summarizes Bridge Replacement Project activities from Oct 17th to Oct 31st, 2022:

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- *HTNB is continuing to meet with WSP, ODOT and FHWA related to the NEPA/FEIS process.*
- *HNTB Amendment 1 has been approved. The amendment covers early Geotechnical Work, Preliminary Engineering that will support the development of an RFP/RFQ for the final designer/contractor on the project and bring key staff to full time on the project. HNTB is completing agreements with sub consultants.*
- *HNTB Amendment 2 has been submitted for review by ARUP. The amendment covers a Revenue Optimization Study and increased Grant Support and Advocacy, Cultural resources work related to Geotechnical Exploration on tribal lands, Development of Treaty Tribe Fishing MOA's and increased communication outreach for the project.*

FUNDING FINANCE & TOLLING

- *WSTC T&R Analysis*
 - *WSTC team will do an update presentation to the BSWG and PORT Commission in December.*
 - *HNTB and the PORT continue to coordinate with WSTC, providing traffic data and historical information as requested. WSTC is performing traffic counts in the area.*

GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

- *Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG)*
 - *Mega Project is still pending*
 - *Rural is still pending*
- *Bridge Infrastructure Program (BIP)*
 - *Should hear back this fall before the November election.*
 - *50% match required (other state grants/appropriations and bonds count)*
 - *Obligation date: September 30, 2025 (within 18-month period)*
 - *Amount requested: \$100M*
- *Build20*
 - *Grant Awarded 9/23/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M – Federal Share, \$1.25M Local Match (Washington Grant) – Total \$6.25M with an Expenditure Deadline of 12/31/2024*
 - *Coordinating with FHWA on training related to reporting process.*
- *ARPA (Oregon Grant)*
 - *Grant Awarded 5/12/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M with an Expenditure Deadline of 12/31/26*

- *Our 3rd Quarter report was submitted to ODOT/FHWA on 9/10/2022 \$107,824.28 was submitted for reimbursement for this Quarter which ran from 7/1/2022 thru 9/30/2022.*
- *WA SB 5165 Grant*
 - *Grant Awarded 2/2/22*
 - *Funding: \$5M with an Expenditure Deadline of 6/30/23 (\$3M) and 6/30/23 (\$2M)*
 - *Preparing our 3rd Quarter reimbursement for \$320,633.69 (covers from 4/1/22 to 9/30/22)*

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

- *One on one Oregon Legislative briefings have begun, Mayor McBride, Commissioner Fox and Commissioner Anderson were able to attend the meetings with the following members:*
 - *Oregon*
 - *Representative Sosa (D-Hillsboro)*
 - *Representative Scharf (R-Amity)*
 - *Sen. Gorsek (D-Troutdale)*
- *Meetings will continue thru 11/9/22.*
- *The next trip to Washington DC has been set for Dec 6th – 8th. Hal Hiemstra is finalizing the details of this trip. He has submitted a dinner request to Marteza with USDOT and is awaiting a response.*

GOVERNANCE/BRIDGE AUTHORITY PROGRESS

- *The 2nd Draft of the Commission Formation Agreements is in review by all parties. Upon receipt and resolution of comments a 3rd and final draft will be presented to the BSWG for approval.*
- *Public input will be solicited in WA and OR on the Primary Place of business determination. Once this input has been received and evaluated the BSWG will determine the next steps.*
- *Local Govt nominations/appointments options will be evaluated by a sub committee and a recommendation will be brought back to the BSWG at the Nov 14th meeting.*

FINAL EIS/RECORD OF DECISION/TREATY MOA'S

- *Environmental Impact Statement technical reports are available at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-ll/public/action/eis/details?eisId=314171>*
- *Update from Dennis Reich with ODOT indicated that Tom Loynes and Cash Cesselet have meet with QC and NOAA and are anticipating to have most of the draft completed by 10.28.22*
- *Tribal Consultation Update*
A semi-weekly meeting has been set up with ODOT and FHWA specific to advancing the Treaty Tribe MOA's. The first meeting was held on 10/18/22. A collaboration space has been created on the Project Portal site.
 - ***Yakama Nation (YN).***

- Draft MOA was reviewed by PORT legal counsel and submitted to ODOT, Comments were received by ODOT and a revised draft addressing ODOT comments is being finalized for resubmittal to ODOT by 10.28.22
- **Nez Perce**
 - A meeting will be set up with David Cummings our new point of contact through the end of the year.
- **Umatilla (CTUIR).**
 - A meeting was held on 10.24.22 with Joe Pitt the new legal contact for CTUIR to introduce the project and team that will be working with him to finalize the MOA. Joe was very open to the submittal of a draft agreement. HNTB will be drafting an MOA for his review by the end of November.
- **Warm Springs.**
 - ODOT managing this relationship.

DELIVERY METHOD

- Request for letter of interests is developed and will be sent for industry feedback
- Delivery Method Industry Forum is being scheduled for Nov 7th
- Industry one on one meetings will be scheduled in Mid Nov

GEOTECHNICAL

- A work plan is being developed, it is anticipated that on land borings will begin on the Oregon side by the end of the year followed by Washington on land borings and then moving to in water borings in the Spring of 2023.

OTHER ITEMS

KEY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Date:	Subject:
10.17	Briefing with Rep. Sosa
10.18	Meeting with Megan Ramey from Bike Community
10.18	Treaty Tribe MOAs with FHWA and ODOT
10.19	Briefing with Rep Scharf
10.20	Financial Advising meeting with PFM
10.20	Briefing with STV Engineering Firm
10.21	Briefing with Sen. Gorsek
10.24	Briefing with TyLin
10.24	Joe Pitts legal counsel from CTUIR on Treaty MOA
10.25	Legal Review of YN MOA with Schwabe

<i>10.25</i>	<i>WA and OR Lobbyist Call</i>
<i>10.25</i>	<i>Briefing with Sundt Construction Company</i>
<i>10.26</i>	<i>Briefing with Sen. Beyer</i>
<i>10.27</i>	<i>NEPA/Cultural Resource with FHWA and ODOT</i>