



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 5, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle

**RE:** **Interstate Bridge Replacement Program – Executive Steering Group Meeting #5**

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The fifth meeting of the Executive Steering Group (ESG) for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (IBRP) occurred on Wednesday, March 17th. Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and City Manager Eric Holmes represented the City of Vancouver at the meeting, supported by Aaron Lande, Policy & Program Manager, and Rebecca Kennedy, Long Range Planning Manager.

The focus of the March 17<sup>th</sup> ESG meeting was to review and provide feedback on Draft Purpose and Need, Community Vision, Critical Objectives, and Values. This included an initial summary of the input received from community engagement activities and from the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and Equity Advisory Group (EAG). The primary takeaways from the meeting were:

- Emphasized the importance of including Equity and Climate Change in the draft language
- Continued to work together to highlight regional priorities and address constituent interests in the working draft language
- Voiced their appreciation for input from CAG, EAG, and Community Engagement and looked forward to seeing their continued feedback incorporated into the language

This conversation will continue at future ESG meetings. Vancouver City Council will have the opportunity to weigh in, starting with a Council workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

[Details and meeting materials can be found here.](#)

The next ESG meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and the proposed topics are updates and input from the Bi-State Legislative Committee (if the Bi-State Legislative Committee meets before the next ESG meeting), report out on CAG, EAG, and Community Engagement activities, further refinement of Draft Purpose & Need Statement and Community Vision, Critical Objectives, and Values, and initial feedback from regional commissions/boards/councils.