

Bridge Review Panel Presentation Columbia River Crossing Project

Report Overview
February 18, 2011

Bridge Review Panel Members

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Bridge Review Panel Members

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- ▶ Steve Stroh, PE, Deputy Director of Surface Transportation, Major Bridges; URS
- ▶ Steve Thoman, PE, Principle Bridge Engineer; Independent Consultant
- ▶ Theodore Zoli, PE; HNTB

Panel Objectives

- ▶ Given the constraints imposed on the project evaluate possible bridge types that would meet these constraints
- ▶ If the constraints are modified, are there other bridge types that should be considered
- ▶ Given the outcomes of 1 and 2 evaluate cost, risk, constructability, and aesthetics for potential bridge types

Bridge Review Panel Process

- ▶ November 3–4, 2010
 - Orientation and workshop
 - Review of bridge types and other technical analysis
- ▶ December 15–16, 2010
 - Summarize work to date and possible bridge types
 - Perform the alternatives analysis on the agreed upon bridge types
- ▶ January 18–19, 2011
 - Constructability review
 - Risk review
- ▶ Final report–Delivered on February 3, 2011

Four Criteria to Achieve

- ▶ Technically Sound – Constructible
- ▶ Meets Environmental Commitments
- ▶ Cost Effective
- ▶ Achieves Aesthetic Goals

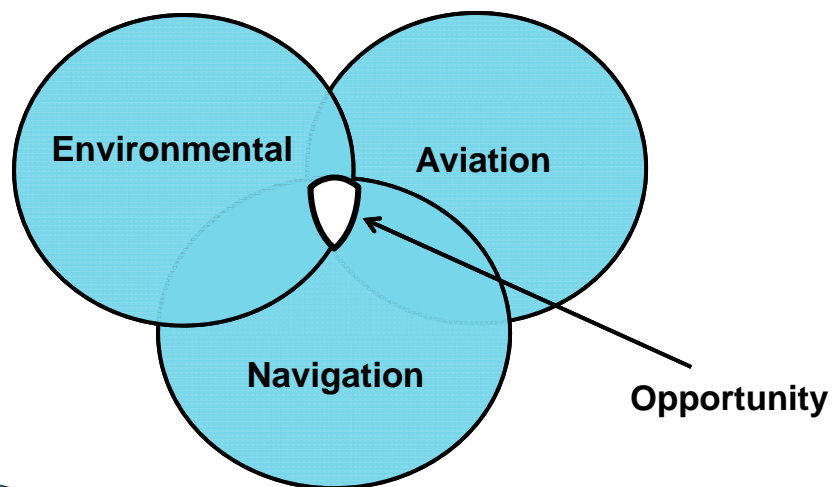
Constraints

- ▶ Air space
- ▶ Navigational Clearance
- ▶ Navigation Channel Location
- ▶ Minimized Footprint for Funding and Environmental
- ▶ Horizontal Alignment
- ▶ Staged Construction

Constraints, cont'd

- ▶ Vancouver Historic Preserve, including Appletree Park
- ▶ More in Water Impact
- ▶ Large Increase in Shadow Impact
- ▶ BNSF Railroad on North Side
- ▶ Traffic in Closed Box
- ▶ LRT

Cumulative Impact of Constraints



Other Challenges

- ▶ Operational Reliability
- ▶ Seismic Vulnerability
- ▶ Getting Buy-In From Political and Citizen Groups if changes are recommended to the Current Design Concept
- ▶ Maintenance and Inspection Challenges with the Currently Proposed Bridge Type
- ▶ Cost Uncertainty with Current Bridge Type

Marine Drive and Hayden Island



Crossing in Plan View



Current Project Cost Estimate*

- ▶ Total Estimated Cost: \$3.2–3.55 billion
- ▶ Cost of LRT**: \$830–920 million
- ▶ Cost of the bridge: \$740–820 million
- ▶ Cost of roadway and interchanges: \$1.63–1.81 billion

*Costs are for the 60% and 90% CEVP range

**Costs for LRT elements including track, electrification, stations, etc.

Review Process

Open-Web Box Girder



Enhanced Open-Web Box Girder



Other Bridge Alternatives

Open-Web Box Girder

- ▶ Independent analysis performed to assess technical viability
- ▶ Explored options for resolving technical issues—unsatisfactory results
- ▶ BRP developed the enhanced open-web as an alternative—it was still unsatisfactory
- ▶ Led to the development of the composite deck truss

Open-Web Box Girder

- ▶ BRP recommends to discontinue further design on the Open-Web Box Girder because:
 - Of unresolved technical issues
 - Considerable risks associated with the design, construction and long-term performance
 - Too costly with potential for substantial cost overruns

Composite Deck Truss



Composite Deck Truss



Composite Deck Truss



Cable-Stayed Bridge



Cable-Stayed Bridge



Cable-Stayed Bridge



Tied-Arch Bridge



Tied-Arch Bridge



Tied-Arch Bridge



Comparative Costs*

- ▶ Open-web box girder \$440,000,000
- ▶ Tied Arch \$430,000,000
- ▶ Cable-Stayed \$390,000,000
- ▶ Composite Deck Truss \$340,000,000

*2011 dollars, no adjustments

Aviation Issues



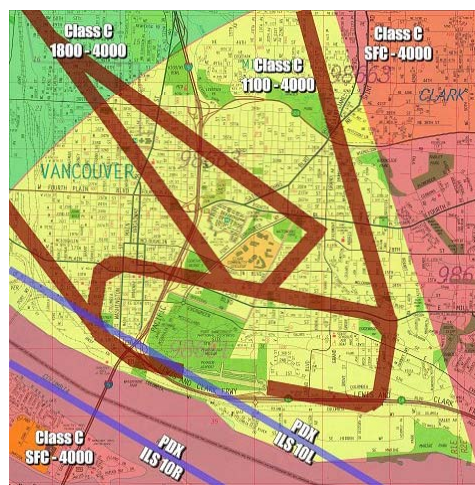
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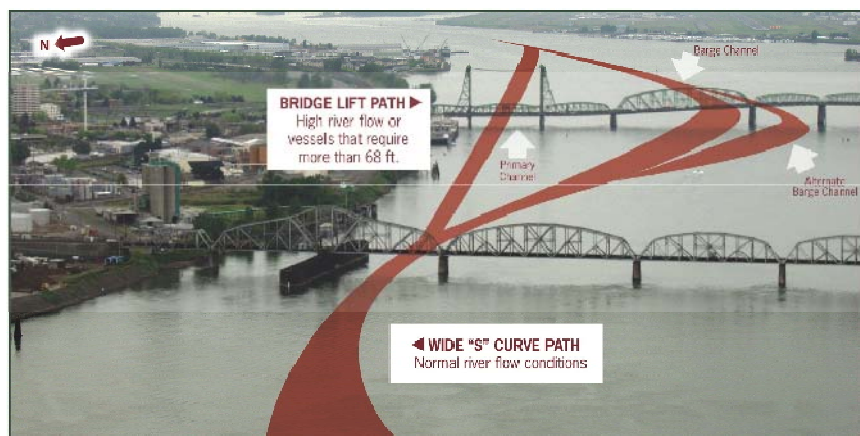
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Navigation Issues



In Water Impacts–Piers

▶ Open–web box girder	12
▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge	3
▶ Tied Arch Bridge	4
▶ Composite Deck Truss	10

In Water Impacts–Footprint

▶ Open–web box girder	58,500 SF
▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge	52,500 SF
▶ Tied Arch Bridge	60,000 SF
▶ Composite Deck Truss	44,000 SF

Risk Rankings–Cost Growth

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|------------------------|---|
| ▶ Open–Web Box Girder | 4 |
| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 2 |
| ▶ Tied Arch Bridge | 3 |
| ▶ Composite Deck Truss | 1 |

Risk Rankings–Schedule (ROD)

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| ▶ Open–Web Box Girder | 1 |
| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 2 |
| ▶ Tied Arch Bridge | 2 |
| ▶ Composite Deck Truss | 1 |

Risk Rankings–Schedule (Design)

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| ▶ Open–Web Box Girder | 4 |
| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 2 |
| ▶ Tied Arch Bridge | 2 |
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Risk Rankings–Schedule (Const.)

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| ▶ Open–Web Box Girder | 4 |
| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 1 |
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Risk Rankings–Procurement

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| ▶ Open–Web Box Girder | 3 |
| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 3 |
| ▶ Tied Arch Bridge | 3 |
| ▶ Composite Deck Truss | 1 |

Risk Rankings–Construction Claims

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| ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge | 2 |
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Risk Rankings–Summary

- ▶ Open–Web Box Girder (4, 1, 4, 4, 3, 4)
- ▶ Cable–Stayed Bridge (2, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2)
- ▶ Tied Arch Bridge (3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3)
- ▶ Composite Deck Truss (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)

Marine Drive and Hayden Island



Crossing in Plan View



Recommendations

- ▶ Recommendation 1: Discontinue any further design or planning work on the open-web box girder bridge alternative.
- ▶ Recommendation 2: Select a new bridge type from among three feasible alternatives: cable-stayed, tied arch and composite deck truss.

Recommendations

- ▶ Recommendation 3: Proceed with further analysis and public review of recommended alternatives in order to select a preferred bridge type.
- ▶ Recommendation 4: Work with the Federal Aviation Administration to resolve airspace issues with Pearson Field relating to either the cable-stayed or arch bridge designs.

Recommendations

- ▶ Recommendation 5: Develop a tangent (straight) alignment for the main river crossing downstream of the existing bridges.
- ▶ Recommendation 6: Replace the North Portland Harbor Bridge.

Other Recommendations

- ▶ Review interchanges and ramps throughout the corridor
- ▶ Review the schedule to avoid impacting the Record of Decision
- ▶ Address seismic design criteria for the new I-5 bridge and the North Portland Harbor Bridge
- ▶ Address other design standards for all elements of the corridor

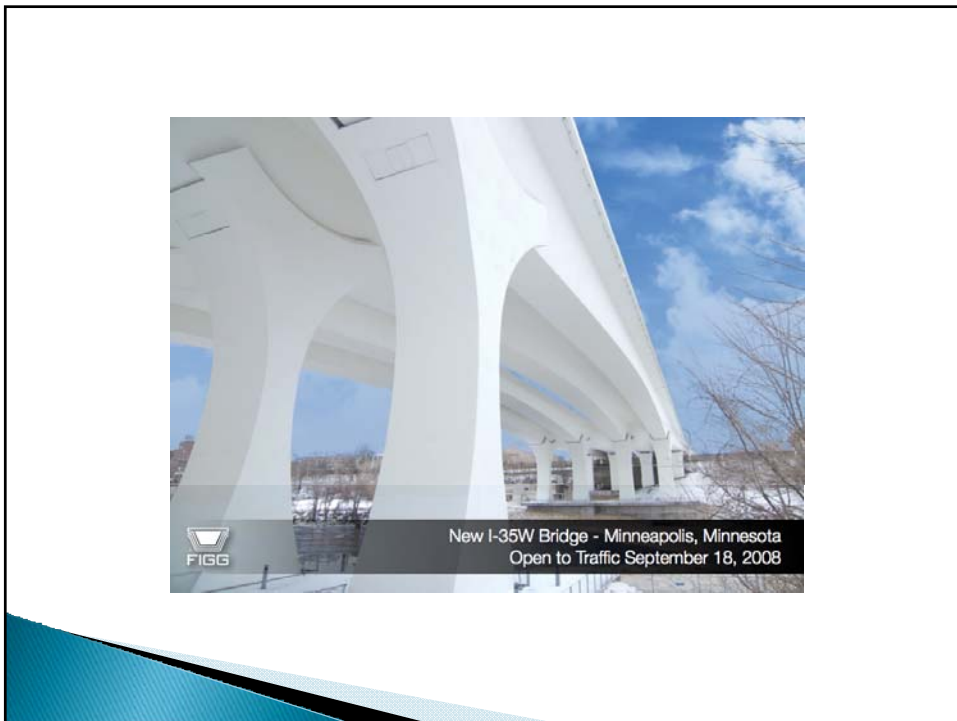
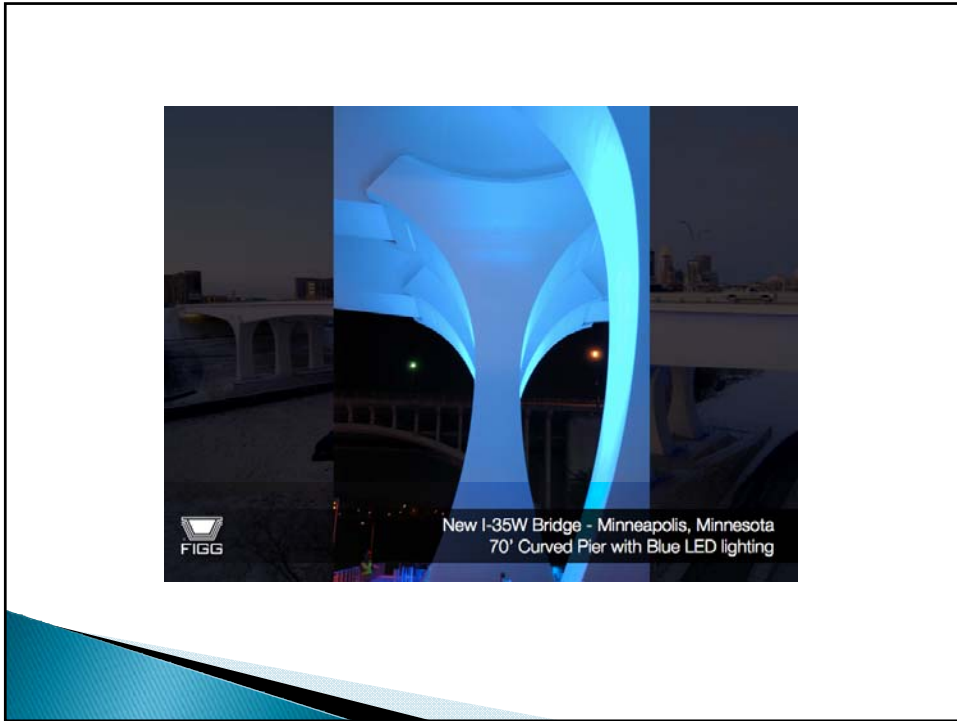
Report Status

- ▶ Submitted on February 3, 2011
- ▶ Governors Gregoire and Kitzhaber remain strong advocates of the project
- ▶ They have accepted the report and have directed the DOTs as follows:
 - Discontinue design work on the Open-Web Box Girder
 - Conduct an expedited review of the three recommended bridge types

Report Status–Continued

- ▶ The review should consider the following and recommend a bridge type by the week of February 21:
 - Is the most affordable,
 - Maintains the project schedule,
 - Minimizes environmental impacts,
 - Honors commitments to stakeholders, and
 - Provides the least risk.





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