

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Queen Anne/Magnolia District Council
Date: December 2, 2002, 7:00 PM
Location: Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Center (157 Roy)
Team Members: Kirk Jones, Lee Holloway, Sarah Brandt

Overview

Kirk Jones presented the Magnolia Bridge slideshow, describing the history of the bridge and the process developed to design a replacement facility. He described the nine surviving alternative alignments, described the project team's next steps, and answered questions from the group. Approximately 18 people were in attendance.

Notes

Members of the committee asked the following questions (responses are included in *italics*):

- When will you identify three final alternatives? At the upcoming open house (December 5, 2002)? *No, we're still seeking input, so we will identify three final alternatives shortly after the open house.*
- Have you included in your criteria consideration from an evacuation point of view? *The project team hasn't really looked at evacuation procedures, but we have looked at emergency response.*
- In thinking about Magnolia as an island, have you considered earthquake safety? *Yes. Any structure we build will have to consider seismic safety, and any alternative we select will meet necessary standards.*
- Has Dravus been reinforced? Is it seismically sound? *Yes, it has been retrofitted.*
- Has Emerson been retrofitted? *Yes. In fact, the joint that failed during the last earthquake was designed to do so.*
- Is the northern route (D) attractive to the Port? *Mark Griffin, Port of Seattle, said that Alternative D would possibly be attractive. Kirk Jones added that it would be an improvement over the current bridge's location in terms of developing the Port property.*
- Have you considered neighborhood impacts, particularly for those routes that cross and connect to the middle of Thorndyke? *Yes. Alternatives E and F are*

starting to fall out of consideration due, in part, to those impacts. In addition, the east-west connections through Magnolia don't connect well, so funneling traffic in that direction won't work very well.

- John Coney informed the council that he has been supporting the consideration of a fourth access point to better connect Queen Anne to Magnolia.
- Magnolia has a distinct island feel, and you stated at the Port's Neighborhood Advisory Committee that all three connections to Magnolia carried about the same amount of traffic. Is that true? *Yes, each carries roughly 20,000 vehicles per day.*

Action Items

None.

Briefing Materials

- Copy of the PowerPoint presentation.
- Alignment descriptions.
- Aerial photograph.