Guiding Principles and Key Study Assumptions Workshop

I-5 Lid Feasibility Study Committee

June 11, 2019
2-5 PM
Bertha Knight Landes Room, Seattle City Hall
Small group work session

- Your facilitator is here to help guide the conversation and pull in subject matter resources in the room.
- Take a minute to review the discussion questions below. They are meant to be a guide – make them your own and have fun!
- Each group will have 45 minutes for discussion and 5 minutes to share with the larger group.
- Save 5 minutes at the end of your work session to identify what you would like to share with the larger group and select someone from your group to report out.
- **Part 1 (20 minutes):**
  - Discuss opportunities and challenges. Using sticky notes, write down ideas about opportunities and challenges and place them on the flip charts.
- **Part 2 (20 minutes):**
  - Discuss guiding principles and key study assumptions. Using sticky notes, write down ideas about guiding principles and key study assumptions and place them on the flip charts.
- **Part 3 (5 minutes):**
  - Select a speaker and highlights to share during your 5-minute report out.

Discussion questions

When examining the area between Madison and Seneca streets:

- What opportunities do you see? What challenges do you see? Think broadly. Opportunities and challenges may be physical, social, economic, etc.
- Are there key study assumptions that are missing or that you would add?
- How might we define our study guiding principles? What’s missing?
  - Connectivity
  - Complete community
  - Equity
  - Health
  - Identity
  - Affordability
  - Sustainability and resilience
- Do you have ideas or questions that you would like the consultant team to consider as they advance the feasibility study?

Supporting materials

- Madison to Seneca area plan view
- Study Area Boundary map
- Elevation map
- Discussion questions
- Guiding principles worksheet
- Study assumptions
- Flipcharts, sticky notes, markers
## Guiding Principles Worksheet

**Draft I-5 Lid Feasibility Study Guiding Principles**

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<th>Guiding Principle</th>
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<th>What is important to you in how this is defined for the I-5 Lid Feasibility Study?</th>
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<td>Connectivity</td>
<td>• Mobility and multimodal access (to opportunities/goods &amp; services)</td>
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<td>• Accessibility (ADA)</td>
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<td>Complete community</td>
<td>• Open space, services, housing, schools</td>
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Example Guiding Principles for Reference

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<td>• Developing strong connections between a diverse range of people and places</td>
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<td>Environmental stewardship</td>
<td>• Protect and improve the quality of our global and local natural environment</td>
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<td>Economic opportunity and security</td>
<td>• A strong economy and a pathway to employment is fundamental to maintaining our quality of life</td>
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<td>Race and social equity</td>
<td>• Limited resources and opportunities must be shared; and the inclusion of under-represented communities in decision-making processes is necessary</td>
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| People first                      | • Cultivate Community: Create places and experiences that bring us together and encourage positive interactions  
                                        • Promote Health: Support active lifestyles that foster physical and emotional well-being | Imagine Greater Downtown |
| Racial, economic and social justice| • Lead with Equity: Improve outcomes for the most vulnerable groups and individuals  
                                        • Proactive Participation: Initiate, invite, listen to, respect, and empower all people | Imagine Greater Downtown |
| Access to opportunity for all     | • Provide Efficient Mobility Options: Implement distributed, convenient, reliable, and accessible mobility options  
                                        • Connect Safely: Ensure that streets and public spaces are safe, accessible, and comfortable  
                                        • Prioritize People and Goods: Create efficiency where needed to keep streets moving | Imagine Greater Downtown |
| Environmental stewardship         | • Be Bold Leaders: Model climate positive policies and actions for a sustainable future  
                                        • Let Nature Thrive: Foster connections with nature and integrate natural settings into daily life | Imagine Greater Downtown |
| Cultural diversity                | • Celebrate Seattle: Enhance each neighborhood’s identity and individual belonging in streets and public spaces  
                                        • Honor All Cultures: Acknowledge the triumphs and challenges of our intersecting and sometimes conflicting pasts | Imagine Greater Downtown |
| Collaboration                     | • Co-Create Success: Engage people to develop shared outcomes that invest in future generations  
                                        • Take the Long View: Steadily build an honorable legacy together | Imagine Greater Downtown |
Key Study Assumptions

- The feasibility study will not make any decisions about the future of the I-5 corridor

- Projects constructed by April 2019 are included in the feasibility assessment, projects in planning are not considered to be built

- Existing structures are not being assessed for deficiencies; PSRC 2018 State Facilities Action Plan is the basis for the I-5 asset analysis

- Existing bridges, ramps, or other structures within the structural assessment boundary can be removed, modified or replaced, for the purpose of the analysis
  - Removal of ramps would require additional analysis, beyond this study, to address potential implications

- The study will not assess structural modifications to the existing lids at Freeway Park and the Convention Center beyond potential edge integration with a future lid

- The lid will be a conduit for economic growth in the region; ownership, funding, and maintenance may be shared by more than one public or private entity

- Economic analysis will be conducted for a 2035 buildout with full completion of major investments by Sound Transit, WSDOT, SDOT, and King County and informed by the PSRC Transportation Plan

- The economic and financial feasibility will be informed by the analysis of development program test cases

- The analysis will consider private sector revenue generating uses on the lid; current state or federal policies that may prohibit such use will be identified as barriers to implementation

- Development program test cases allow us to monetize potential benefits aligned with the guiding principles; these are not definitive proposed programs for the lid for they are not defined under a comprehensive planning process with significant public input

- Geospatial boundaries for the LFS urban context analysis will consider census tracts included within a 15-minute walkshed from the structural assessment boundary
Existing Freeway Constraints

- Construction considerations (overhangs and ramps)
- Vertical clearance
The Lid ‘Edges’

- Freeway Park; possible historic landmark
- Integration of lid edges to street level
- Lid use considerations
- Ramp connections, reconstruction, or re-location of access
Constructability

- Intermediate piers
- Wall abutment support through driven piles or drilled shafts (load on existing walls along 6th Avenue and Hubbell Place)
- Temporary impacts
Structural Assessment Boundary
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