

## **Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau**

**Group/Organization:** Port of Seattle's Transportation Forum  
**Date:** November 6, 2003  
**Location:** Armory, 1601 West Armory Way  
**Team Members:** Kirk Jones, Pete Smith, Teresa Platt, Brad Hoff

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### **Overview**

The Port of Seattle hosted a transportation forum with Amgen, the Magnolia Community Club and the Queen Anne Community Council. Tom Tierney from the Port's real estate division gave a PowerPoint presentation of all the projects and potential projects that could occur on the Port's North Bay area and the Armory acreage. This included active projects:

- Magnolia Bridge
- Monorail
- Sound Transit Commuter Rail
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. W/ Elliott Ave. W signal improvements
- Thomas Street pedestrian overpass
- Amgen's Helix pedestrian overpass

As well as potential projects:

- Multi-modal transit hub
- Waterfront streetcar extension
- Monorail station at Interbay
- Commuter rail station at Interbay
- Bicycle enhancements

After spending a few minutes on each project, Tierney turned to a brief explanation of what the Port is calling "The Uplands at North Bay". He mentioned the Port's vision that North Bay become an "employment-based neighborhood", neither a residential neighborhood nor an industrial park. He indicated that new jobs would be "knowledge-based" like those found at Amgen. He was also clear that the area south of the existing Magnolia Bridge would remain dedicated to water-dependent uses.

He next led a question and answer session with the public. Tierney referred project specific questions to the appropriate project representatives who were stationed around the room's perimeter. After approximately 40 minutes of questions, he invited participants to seek out project representatives for more focused questioning.

The Magnolia Bridge team was stationed at the rear of the room with the Alternatives boards and aerial photo. Members of the public were offered handouts of the alternatives, FAQ sheets (Frequently Asked Questions), a bar chart of traffic on the three

bridges serving Magnolia and the latest newsletter. They were also encouraged to join the project mailing list in order to receive project updates.

## **Notes**

### **Questions or comments raised by the public:**

- When will a decision be made on the alternatives?
- Which alternative is the most expensive?
- Will Alternative A require additional permitting?
- Which alternative is leading the pack?
- Where will you look for construction funding?
- Who will make the final decision about what alternative will be built?
- When will the Draft EIS be released?

## **Briefing Materials**

- 8.5x11 versions of alternative boards
- FAQ sheet
- Three bridge traffic bar chart