

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

**Group/Organization:** Seattle City Council Transportation Sub-Committee  
**Date:** March 4, 2003  
**Location:** Municipal Building  
**Team Members:** Kirk Jones, Teresa Platt, Lee Holloway, Brad Hoff

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### **Overview**

The design team briefed the Seattle City Council's Transportation Committee, discussing the project's status and the decision to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Kirk Jones walked through the four alternatives being considered for the EIS.

### **Notes**

#### **Questions raised by Committee members:**

**McIver:** Isn't there an existing right-of-way between the Marina and 32<sup>nd</sup>, up to some rocks?

**Jones:** No there is not, there is a small Galer right-of-way, but it is further up the hill.

**Conlin:** Potentially there could be significant cost savings [with B]?

**Jones:** There could be, we are looking at all the pros and cons, including costs associated with each alignment.

**McIver:** What grade difficulties do you have [with D], can you get down to the surface with the ramps?

**Jones:** **We are working on the engineering details.**

**McIver:** [Alternate D] Can you stay down and still get across Elliott? If you are low enough to meet grade at the ramp, can you stay high enough to get over Elliott?

**Jones:** (Jones clarified that alignment D was all elevated structure and ramps would come off the structure and touch down at the surface.)

**Wills:** Why do you have a 4<sup>th</sup> option?

**Jones:** There were four that stood out during the preliminary evaluation and the process with the community. We decided to study all four until we have enough information to answer some of the questions.

**McIver:** Can you make the grade requirements on H [south route]?

**Jones:** Yes, we need to study it further to get the detailed information.

**McIver:** Conversely, I hope if it becomes clear that one [alignment] doesn't work it would drop off the table.

**Jones:** Yes, you have probably heard about the growing opposition to alignment B. We have a lot of questions to answer, but if we come to a point in the study where we determine there is a fatal flaw for this alignment, we will not carry it any further.

**McIver:** I think you are wise to do a full EIS.

**Conlin:** From Council perspective, we don't need to hear from you until you have a DEIS.

**McIver:** On alignment B, are you going to run into any shoreline issues?

**Jones:** Yes, we are working through the issues and determining what can be done or if it is possible to mitigate the impacts.

**McIver:** Can you mitigate the stability of the bluff?

**Jones:** Anything done in that area would require retaining walls.

**McIver:** Can we get any [funding] support from the Port?

**Jones:** We have been working with the Port and will continue to work with them through their Master Planning process.

**McIver:** We should open up conversations with Mr. Tierny about helping with funding the DEIS.

### **Briefing Materials**

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Aerial photo