

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Port of Seattle Open House on North Bay Development

Group/Organization: Port of Seattle
Date: November 16, 2004 – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Pier 66
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Overview

SDOT staffed a booth at the Port of Seattle's Open House to discuss North Bay redevelopment plans. The following display boards were exhibited: five build alternative plans; three three-dimensional aerial oblique views; and one study area aerial. Approximately 100 people attended the open house, and project staff spoke with approximately 50 people during the meeting about the bridge (nine people also signed up to receive project information). Community members were most often interested in how the Magnolia Bridge project was coordinating with – and would constrain or facilitate – the Port's plans for redevelopment.

Questions/Comments

- When will a final decision be made about the bridge? What is the project timeline?
- Has the bridge received funding yet? What sources of funding would be available?
- Of those expressing a preference about the alternatives, several supported Alternatives A or D and voiced opposition to Alternative C. A couple liked Alternative C because it seemed to be the most forward-thinking, flexible solution for future land uses in North Bay.
- How is public opinion usually expressed (and recorded) at meetings like this? Do people with extreme positions usually dominate the discussion, or do you get a fairly balanced response from those representing the middle ground?
- Many people appreciated the 3-D renderings of the routes as helpful tools for understanding the alternatives.
- Several people encouraged SDOT to integrate bike and pedestrian paths into the chosen alternative. One encouraged that a better connection for bikes and peds between Queen Anne and the Interbay/shoreline area be incorporated in the project.
- One community member was concerned about Alternative C's impact on the greenbelt.
- Several people asked about the comparative advantages and disadvantages of each alternative.
- Connection between the Magnolia bluff and marina was an important factor for many Magnolia residents who visited the station.

Handouts Available:

- (1) Alternative Fact Sheets
- (2) Impact Summary for all Alternatives
- (3) Detailed Matrix of Impacts by Discipline
- (4) Comment Form
- (5) Mailing List Sign Up Form