

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Magnolia Farmers Market
Date: July 31, 2004 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Blaine School
Team Members: Marybeth Turner, Brad Hoff

Overview

Project team members staffed a small table at the Farmers Market with the traveling display, aerial photo and handouts introducing Alternative C. Between 55 and 65 people stopped by to review the alternatives and ask questions. Twelve citizens signed up to be added to the project mailing list. Approximately 10 citizens commented that they were new to the neighborhood and so this was the first they had heard of the project. Many other citizens said they appreciated the update and the team's efforts to keep them well informed. Mayor Nickels also stopped by the booth. He engaged community members and was photographed.

Questions/Comments

- Many asked if a decision has been made yet, and inquired about the overall schedule to complete the bridge's replacement.
- Citizens asked about what funding sources would be pursued to build the bridge.
- Most people expressing a preference about the alternatives liked A or D best, citing travel time and views while driving. Alternative C had both opponents who thought it was too circuitous and proponents that thought it provided more future development opportunities.
- Many citizens asked about the relative costs of each alternative as well as the length of time the current bridge would be closed during construction.
- A few asked how the project would be accomplished in relation to the Alaska Way and Seaway Replacement Project.