

Metro Grant Transportation Fair Proposal

This paper outlines some initial ideas for a transportation fair on Hayden Island. The main goal is to prepare the Hayden Island/Bridgeton/Kenton and Vancouver neighborhoods for the nine day closure of the eastside (Northbound) I-5 bridge from September 12-20th, 2020 (www.interstatebridge.org), and engage citizens on public discussion of I-5 Bridge Replacement.



VENUE LOCATIONS: We believe outdoor space should accommodate at least 1000 people along with space for 20, 10x10 foot canopies for interest groups, 2-5 food trucks, a stage for a variety of entertainers and speakers, and accommodations for translation/interpretation services. It could be located on the west side of the I-5 bridge on the gravel tarmac, which is managed by Red Lion and Howard Detrick. Alternative locations might be in the abandoned Safeway parking lot, or the parking lot across from the Chevron gas station, or the grassy lawn next to the Columbia Crossing office and Tomahawk Bay.

INVITED PARTIES: The primary mission of the Transportation Fair is to prepare people for the 9 day closing of the Northbound I-5 bridge, and compile feedback for WSDOT/ODOT and Portland/Vancouver on proposals for a possible I-5 Bridge replacement. Because the Transportation Fair encompasses land, water and air, we would invite marine transportation industries and businesses such as Frog Ferry (water taxi), Diversified marine (tugboat maintenance), Port of Portland (airport), Uber/Lyft, Scooter companies, bike sharing, and even Skytaxi (Airbus). Here is a possible list of groups we could invite to the Fair:

1. Oregon Dept of Transportation
2. Wash Dept of Transportation
3. Portland Bureau of Transportation
4. Vancouver Transportation Dept/ City of Vancouver
5. Neighborhoods of Bridgeton, Kenton, St Johns
6. Port of Portland and Port of Vancouver
7. Tri-Met
8. Uber/Lyft
9. Charge Station operators (Electrify America, EVGo, PGE/Forth, Energy Trust)
10. Scooter Companies and Portland Bike Share
11. Frog Ferry
12. Diversified Marine, Schooner Creek
13. Tesla and Tunnel proposal for Las Vegas
14. Yacht clubs of Hayden Island
15. Oregon Marine Board and WOO
16. Coast Guard Alert ship and PT boat (restored)
17. Columbia River Pilots/US Coast Guard
18. Jubitz and Multi-modal carriers

ENTERTAINMENT: We envision a stage for entertainment, with such acts as Beckon the Blues, and other talented local musicians. There will also be time allotted for different presenters to give a 5 minute overview of their organization as well as viewpoints from individuals in the community. If it were held near the waterfront, the possibility for a boating demonstration would also exist.

FOOD: You can't have a party without food. We will invite food trucks as well as local restaurants to offer their specialties.

TIME: The ideal time to hold this festival may be sometime in August, before preparations for the bridge trunnion replacement gets underway for the shutdown scheduled for Sept 12-20th. We estimate 90 days of preparation may be necessary after notification of award of grant which may be sometime in April.

BUDGET: We have no accurate estimate of a budget, but we expect participation in the event would be enhanced when the cost of booth tables, chairs and canopies is covered by the event organizer. Most of that gear, along with stage rental, construction, and tear down would be covered in the budget, along with a stipend for musicians and other similar incidental costs. Advice from experienced event organizers would be sought, but we are thinking a preliminary budget might be in the \$7500 range.

CONCLUSION: A Hayden Island Transportation Fair would bring together the Hayden Island Community and engage the general public in transportation issues, especially the Interstate Bridge. The Interstate Bridge northbound lane WILL be closing for 9 days, from Sept 12-20, 2020, so the need for informing the community is urgent. It is also an idea time to bring the broader community together to discuss transportation issues, specifically the possible replacement of the Interstate Bridge.

This event is designed to encourage the greater community to look at ALL the alternatives to reduce congestion in the Vancouver/Portland corridor, become better informed, and seek consensus on a general approach that aims to reduce congestion in the future.

This paper is an initial vision statement for creating a draft proposal for a Metro Community Placemaking Grant. The deadline for this grant is Saturday, Feb 2nd, 2020, at noon. Targeting a finished proposal by Saturday, January 25 (about 1 week before deadline), might be a good idea. That gives us about 2 weeks from today (Sat, Jan 11th).

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