

**Date:** August 14, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Location**

City Hall – Council Chambers  
415 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA 98668

**Regular Meeting** (Convened in person and via video conference)  
The meeting agenda materials referenced in these minutes can be found [online](#).

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call**

The August 14, 2024, meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 8 am by President Ryan Morin.

**Board Members Present:** Ryan Morin, Jason Cromer, Kurt Stonex, Jocelyn Cross, Travis Schemp, Garrett Ginter

**Board Members Absent:** Garrett Ginter

**Staff Present:** Patrick Quinton, Gabriel Montez, Dan Lloyd, Lori Severino, Maggie Derk, Katherine Kelly, Tina Picchioni, Kimberly Kerlee

**Guests:** Casey Liles, Shilpa Mallem, IBR

Ryan Morin announced that Douglas Varennes announced his resignation from the Parking Advisory Committee. That position is now vacant.  
If anyone who is hearing this is interested, please go to the City of Vancouver's Committee and Boards website for more information about eligibility requirements and the role of the Parking Advisory Committee.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Cromer motioned, seconded by Schemp, to approve the July 18, 2024, minutes. Motion unanimously passed.

**Interstate Bridge Replacement project update-Information session**

Montez stated that the presentation from the IBR team and City employees will provide an update to the IBR program. The project is roughly ten percent into the design so it's only in the beginning stages of the plan.

## Members

Ryan Morin  
**President**

Jason Cromer  
**Vice-Chair**

Garrett Ginter  
Kurt Stonex  
Jocelyn Cross  
Travis Schemp

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Katherine Kelly, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, Community Development, stated that she does everything from technical to policy work. Stated that today's goal is to educate and provide updates on the status of the program. Kelly introduced Shilpa Mallem, the program design manager. Shilpa will provide an update on the program and next steps.

Shilpa Mallem spoke on the history of the bridge and the critical connection linking Oregon and Washington across the Columbia River. The bridge is at risk for collapse in the event of a major earthquake. Oregon and Washington spend about \$1.2 million annually for operations and maintenance. Capital maintenance is estimated to cost over \$270 million by 2040 if nothing is done.

Mallem spoke on the initiating efforts of Washington and Oregon. A Bi-State Memorandum of Intent was signed by Governors Brown and Inslee in November 2019. A bi-state legislative committee provides oversight and guidance. The Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation are jointly leading the Interstate Bridge Replacement program work in collaboration with eight other bi-state partners.

Mallem presented the 5-mile corridor location map. She stated that there are six areas that are defined as the purpose and need of the program.

1. Safety
2. Impaired freight movement
3. Congestion
4. Earthquake vulnerability
5. Inadequate bike and pedestrian paths
6. Limited public transportation

Two additional key priorities are equity and climate.

Mallem presented the big picture of the program schedule. Currently the program is in the environmental phase. The schedule will be updated as needed to reflect program changes and timeline. Recently the program received a \$1.5 billion grant from the Federal Highway

Mallem spoke on the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970. She provided a list of the elements of the environmental analysis. Mallem spoke on what is being studied in the Draft SEIS. Stated the design options being studied. A critical part is to consider public comments as part of the decision making. Looking at releasing this draft document this fall which will be followed by a 60-day public comment period. That document will be available online.

Mallem presented and provided details of the program area map.

Mallem and Kelly provided additional details regarding parking garages or park and rides. The Federal Transit Administration requires park and ride as a policy and at this point do not yet know what they will require for the volume of park and rides.

Montez asked how long the average bridge lift is.

Stated that it is approximately 15 – 20 minutes. The backup depends on what time of day.

Mallem presented the program funding. Tolling has been authorized, but they're still trying to figure out what the rate would be. Tolling will assist with gaps of funding for building and maintaining the bridge.

Mallem showed how to stay connected and get involved.

Morin asked for more details around parking and park and rides.

Kelly stated that it's a process that needs to be gone through to apply for the grant funding. Federally funded park and rides generally need to remain for 20 years. Other options may be available, and more flexibility may be accessible.

**Adjournment**

9:08 am

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Ryan Morin, Board President

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