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Overview

The Confluence Parkway project aims to address transportation problems in the North Wenatchee area and accommodate traffic growth by creating a parallel route to North Wenatchee Avenue. The project will connect to Wenatchee Avenue near Miller Street at the south end and 97A at the north end. The project will provide a grade separated railroad crossing at Miller Street and a new bridge across the Wenatchee River.

The initial phase of public outreach was conducted in April 2019. It included a public open house and community presentation on April 10, 2019, supported by project materials posted to the City's website via a project page. The goal of that outreach was to create a shared understanding of the goals of the project, share with agencies and the public the draft Purpose and Need Statement, discuss anticipated environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and to encourage community and agency involvement. The community presentation and public open house included a PowerPoint presentation, information display boards, and comment cards; stakeholders and staff members were available to help answer questions.

The next phase of formal public outreach occurred on March 5, 2020 at a public open house supported by new project materials posted to the project page on the City's website. The goal of that meeting was to update the public on the latest design concepts, agency coordination status, the NEPA EA process and to solicit feedback on the scope of proposed technical studies that are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2020. The meeting was held at the Wenatchee Technology Center from 5 pm to 7 pm and included a community presentation by members of City staff and elected officials followed by a public open house. The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation, informational display boards, comment cards, and the opportunity for guests to interact with stakeholders and staff members to answer questions and voice opinions. The presentation also shared a simulation video of Confluence Parkway.

On June 2, 2021 the City in partnership with the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center hosted a bilingual (Spanish and English) virtual public forum. The virtual platform of the meeting was in large part due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the online platform allowed the City to share and converse with stakeholders while abiding by then current recommended guidance to decrease the spread of COVID-19. The goal of the outreach was to share the draft results of the technical studies, provide updates on the NEPA EA and Section 4(f) process, and to receive input. Along with updates to the City project page, the meeting included a PowerPoint presentation which directed interested stakeholders to provide comments on the technical studies by June 21st, 2021.

Outreach materials

Various materials were developed as part of the outreach effort. The following outlines the notifications, tools, and materials that were used throughout the outreach process.

a. Notifications

- Flyer (Appendix A): Flyers were prepared in dual language (English and Spanish). The digital flyer was distributed via email to a total of approximately 2,100 recipients including the City's list of interested parties, the City's website subscribers (including subscribers to the project page), a list of those who participated in the SR 285/ N Wenatchee Avenue Preliminary Engineering project, the City's local media list and the Chelan PUD's stakeholder contact list. The flyer was also posted on the project website. Additionally, the City mailed paper copies of the flyer to the Monterey Senior Community which is within the project area.
- Online/Social Media (Appendix B) The event was shared via posts on the City of Wenatchee's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center also cross promoted the event on their

website and Facebook page. The Wenatchee World’s advertised the event via their website and Facebook page.

- Informational Posterboards (Appendix C) Posterboards with project information, an invitation to attend the meeting via Zoom or phone and corresponding QR code were placed at the following locations:
 - East Wenatchee/Douglas County – Apple Capital Loop Trail at the 19th Street Trailhead
 - Wenatchee/Chelan County – Apple Capital Loop Trail near Hawley and Railroad intersection
 - Pybus Public Market – at information table inside the market, also included comment cards to gather comments.
 - Confluence State Park – two posterboards, one at the Washington State Parks Office and one near the swim beach.

b. Tools

- A project page on the City’s website was created in March 2019 and is updated periodically to reflect any current changes and information (Appendix D). The project page has been established as a method for distributing information and updating the public on the latest project details. Details of the June 2, 2021 meeting, including time and location, were posted in advance of the meeting. The website included all meeting materials and provided community members an opportunity to review the project information on their own. Visitors are able to provide feedback through a comment form.
- An information table was setup at Pybus Public Market along with blank comment cards for visitors to use to submit feedback (Appendix E).
- A PowerPoint presentation was presented during the Virtual Public Forum. The presentation provides an outline of the items presented during the meeting and provides visuals and high-level bullet points for review. The PPT is available for download on the project page.

Community Meeting Summary

Meeting Details

Date: June 2, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Public Forum in partnership with the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Live concurrent Spanish language translation was made available.

Approximately 50 community members as well as representatives from DAHP and the Chelan PUD attended the virtual public forum. Staff from the City, KPG, Anchor QEA, and the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center were present to host, present and facilitate and answer questions. See (Appendix F) for Zoom meeting outcomes such as chat, video link and PPT.

Host and Presenting Staff:

- **City of Wenatchee:** Mayor Frank Kuntz, Laura Merrill, Gary Owen, Rob Jammerman
- **Wenatchee Valley Museum:** Keni Sturgeon
- **Anchor QEA:** Jennifer Horwitz, Barbara Bundy, Jacquie Ptacek
- **KPG** Nelson Davis, Anne Carr

Attendees:

- Abby Sage, Amanda Barg, Andy Wendell Chelan PUD, Bj Herron, Brian Pearson, Bruce McCammon, Charles Hickenbottom, Chris Rader, Cindy Preston, Colton Riblett, Dan Frazier, Elizabeth Robin Jackson, G. Walker, Jacob Huylar, Jeff, Judith Lurie, Kat, Larry Tobiska, Lauren L., Lisa Mitchell, Mark, Mark Booker, Matt Shales, mmking,

Mona, Nancy Warner, Nick R, PT Lopushinsky, Rep. Goehner 12, Robert Stoehr, Steve Robinson, Sydney Hanson (DAHP), Teka Sellers, Wendy Sharp

In addition to the above participants, the Virtual Public Forum video recording has been viewed 129 times and is available for any future interested parties to view on the Wenatchee Valley Museum and City website.

Key Topics: The Virtual Public Forum covered the following topics:

1. Recap project development and outreach to date.
2. Share preliminary findings from draft technical studies.
3. Letting the public know how to stay involved in the project and provide feedback.

After an introduction of the project team, Laura Merrill, City of Wenatchee Executive Services Director, provided participants with a recap on alternatives considered, a project overview, and a summary of what the City has heard from the public so far. She also shared preliminary results of the 12 technical studies that were prepared by resource area, including air quality, climate resiliency, community and social resources, cultural resources, ecosystems, hazardous materials, noise, transportation, stormwater, visual quality, parks and recreation, and water resources. Laura also discussed next steps including opportunities for members of the public to stay engaged, and invited comments from participants.

Meeting participants shared comments and asked questions using the chat function in the virtual meeting format. Comments and questions were shared on topics including bicycle and pedestrian connections and enhancements, noise mitigation measures, funding, bridge design, roadway alignment, and connections to other projects in the area. A full list of comments and questions from the public meeting is included in Appendix F. Comments received via the project page on the City's website are found in Appendix D and comment cards received at the Pybus Public Market are found in Appendix E.

Appendix A. Flyer

The flyer was sent to over 2100 emails and included the following dual language message:

The City of Wenatchee would like to invite you to attend an informational meeting about Confluence Parkway, a parallel route to North Wenatchee Avenue, that includes a new bridge across the Wenatchee River. Once constructed, Confluence Parkway will work closely with North Wenatchee Avenue to improve traffic congestion problems currently growing on North Wenatchee Avenue. The need for extra capacity was studied and identified in 2011. The city is currently embarking on environmental analysis to ensure that the community is enhanced with the development of the Confluence Parkway option to solving North Wenatchee transportation challenges. Additional project goals include improvement to the Apple Capital Loop Trail, Horan Natural Area, Confluence Park, and other important elements of our city.

La ciudad de Wenatchee le invita a asistir a una reunión informativa sobre Confluence Parkway, una ruta paralela a North Wenatchee Avenue, que incluye un nuevo puente a través del río Wenatchee. Una vez construida, Confluence Parkway trabajará en estrecha colaboración con North Wenatchee Avenue para mejorar los problemas de congestión de tráfico que están creciendo en North Wenatchee Avenue. La necesidad de capacidad adicional se estudió e identificó en 2011. La ciudad se está embarcando en el análisis ambiental para asegurar la mejora de la comunidad con el desarrollo de Confluence Parkway para resolver los desafíos de transporte de North Wenatchee. Entre los objetivos adicionales del proyecto se incluyen la mejora de Apple Capital Loop Trail, Senderos Naturales Horan, el Parque Confluence y otros elementos importantes de nuestra ciudad.

Flyer:



The flyer features a dark green background with white and yellow text. At the top left, it displays the logos for the City of Wenatchee and the Washington State Department of Transportation. The main heading is "Join Us!" in a large, bold, white font. Below this, the event details are provided in both English and Spanish. The English text includes the date "June 2, 2021" and time "5:30pm - 6:30pm", along with a Zoom link and a phone number. The Spanish text mirrors this information. A QR code is positioned to the right of the Spanish text, with the label "Zoom QR Code" and "Zoom código QR" below it. The bottom section of the flyer contains a map of the project area, showing the river and surrounding urban areas. Text on the left side of the map explains the project's purpose and provides contact information. The website address "www.wenatcheeva.gov/confluenceparkway" is printed at the bottom in a white font on a dark green background.

Join Us!

Confluence Parkway Virtual Public Meeting
June 2, 2021 | 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996210469>
Listen in via phone 253-215-8782

Reunión pública virtual de Confluence Parkway
2 de junio de 2021 | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Únase a nosotros a través de Zoom en <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996210469>
Escuche por teléfono 253-215-8782

Zoom QR Code
Zoom código QR

Confluence Parkway provides a solution to traffic congestion and safety challenges on North Wenatchee Avenue by providing an alternative road in and out of the City, benefiting the entire region. The City of Wenatchee is currently in the process of the environmental analysis to determine project impacts and mitigation opportunities. We invite you to hear the latest on the technical studies that inform this process, provide input and ask questions.

Questions? Email cpnepa@wenatcheeva.gov

Confluence Parkway ofrece una solución a la congestión del tráfico y los desafíos de seguridad en North Wenatchee Avenue al proporcionar una carretera alternativa dentro y fuera de la ciudad, beneficiando a toda la región. La ciudad de Wenatchee se encuentra en el proceso de análisis ambiental para determinar los impactos del proyecto y las oportunidades de mitigación. Lo invitamos a escuchar lo último sobre los estudios técnicos que informan este proceso, brindar información y hacer preguntas.

¿Preguntas? Correo electrónico cpnepa@wenatcheeva.gov

www.wenatcheeva.gov/confluenceparkway

Appendix B. Online/Social Media

The City's Facebook post was shared by the City of East Wenatchee, Douglas County and Councilmember Keith Huffaker.



The flyer was shared on the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center's event calendar and website.

June 2021

Confluence Parkway Virtual Public Meeting: Community Q&A Session

June 2 @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting,



Join the City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center for a Community Q&A: Confluence Parkway Virtual Public Meeting on June 2 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Confluence Parkway provides a solution to traffic congestion and safety challenges on North Wenatchee Avenue by providing an alternative road in and out of the City, benefiting the entire region. The City of Wenatchee is currently in the process of the environmental analysis to determine project impacts and mitigation opportunities. We...

[Find out more >>](https://www.wenatchee.gov/confluenceparkway)

The Wenatchee World featured the project information as a result of the flyer.

City presents latest on Confluence Parkway at June 2 virtual meeting

By Ian Dunn
World staff writer May 17, 2021

SECTIONS: Local News, Northwest News, Sports, Arts & Entertainment, Education, Housing Crisis, Webcams

MORE INFORMATION


Wenatchee seeks \$140 million transportation grant
WENATCHEE — The city of Wenatchee is again applying for a huge grant to help fund road projects in the Wenatchee Valley.

Link commits \$262,500 to Confluence Parkway
Port authority approves funding for Confluence Parkway environmental analysis

Wenatchee seeks funding for Confluence Parkway project
Residents give input at Confluence Parkway meeting
Wenatchee meeting to focus on Confluence Parkway
Confluence Parkway expected to relieve North Wenatchee traffic

WENATCHEE — Interested in a north Wenatchee traffic solution? The city of Wenatchee is holding a Confluence Parkway virtual public meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 2. Join via Zoom at bit.ly/2RZEuA7 or listen in via phone (253) 215-8782.

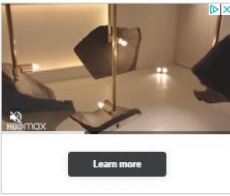

Confluence Parkway is a proposed solution to traffic congestion and safety challenges on North Wenatchee Avenue that provides an alternative road in and out of the city, including another bridge across the Wenatchee River.



The city is conducting an environmental analysis to determine the impacts of the project and mitigation opportunities. The public is invited to hear the latest on the technical studies completed so far, provide input and ask questions.

Email questions to cpnepa@wenatcheeva.gov. For information about the project go to bit.ly/3eX1B7E.

SEE THE FULL PUBLICATION HERE
WENATCHEE VALLEY BUSINESS



Wenatchee World Social Media Post & Comments:

Wenatchee World 16 hrs · 🌐

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WENATCHEEWORLD.COM
City presents latest on Confluence Parkway at June 2 virtual meeting

👍 44 💬 34 Comments ➦ 7 Shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Most Relevant ▾

Jenny K Williams Yep. do it. Ask for CVB and Link to help subsidize with PUD, Honda, and Cascade Auto; they benefit the most for this extra commerce driving right by them-better than free advertising because they've owned that land forever; advertising by location paid for itself thirty tears ago or more.
10h

Vernon Cox Jenny K Williams Honda has not been out there for almost ten years. You must not get out much.
3h

Cindy Goodfellow Maybe quit giving permits to fast food restaurants in that area! 🤔?
15h

Renee Foland The north end is choked with fast food joints.
4h

Suzanne Krantz Cindy Goodfellow huh? What does that have to do with traffic?
6h

Lonnie Flynn-Petersen That should have been a condition of the PUD building their multi billion dollar campus out there
6h

👑 Top Fan
Nate Davis Lonnie Flynn-Petersen multi-billion? It's 140 million - <https://www.chelanpud.org/.../chelan-pud-breaks-ground-on...>

CHELANPUD.ORG
 Chelan PUD: Chelan PUD breaks ground on new Service Center at Old Station
5h

Vernon Cox Anything they do will not help because the way Wenatchee was laid out at the begging was not a good plan. The other thing that needs to be done in Wenatchee is put cell phone jammers in so no one can talk and drive unless you can pass a test proving you can do both with proficiency. Problem solved there would be less than 1000 cars on the road at any giving time.
3h

Cari Thompson Stop talking about it and just do it already. We needed this a decade ago.
16h 👍 13

Mike Good Another bridge over the Columbia from 5th st in Wenatchee to 19th in East Wenatchee would help the traffic on both ends of town.
14h 👍 9

Mike Good Geoff Ping I have. UGH!!!
4h

Mike Good Moises Ávila-Guzmán Agree 100%!
4h

Moises Ávila-Guzmán Geoff Ping no and I'm afraid to look at them
4h

Moises Ávila-Guzmán Mike Good probably because those DOT engineers don't live locally but hey I'll keep my mouth shut cause it all leads back to politics 🤔
4h 👍 2

Geoff Ping Moises Ávila-Guzmán Have you seen the plans they have for the massive roundabout on Highway 2/Easy Street?
4h

Moises Ávila-Guzmán Mike Good you have a solid point there
4h

Raul Hernandez I think Wenatchee should worry about fixing the damn streets like for one that one piece on grant by Walgreens I feel like I'm off-roading 🤔
13h 🤔👍👍 12

Jovany Rodriguez Raul Hernandez for real 🤔
1h

Raul Hernandez Colton Riblett eeeh same thing 🤔
2h

Gambit Vergara Raul Hernandez wait..that wasn't the feel they was going for?
7h 🤔 1

Colton Riblett Raul Hernandez umm that's east Wenatchee. Not Wenatchee's problem lol.
4h 👍🤔👍 5

Marcy Albrecht It's about time
5h

James Hayes Just put in a big ass roundabout on the bridge. Should work as the ones on first street.
15h 🤔👍👍 9

Most Relevant is selected, so some replies may have been filtered out.

Mary Moro James Hayes I want to know what genius thought first street was a good idea. It's the only street going straight to Miller before 5th. I don't get it.
2h

Carolyn Marlin James Hayes 1st is like no other 🤔
15h 👍 2

Appendix C. Informational Posterboards

Location: Apple Capital Loop, 19th Street Trailhead



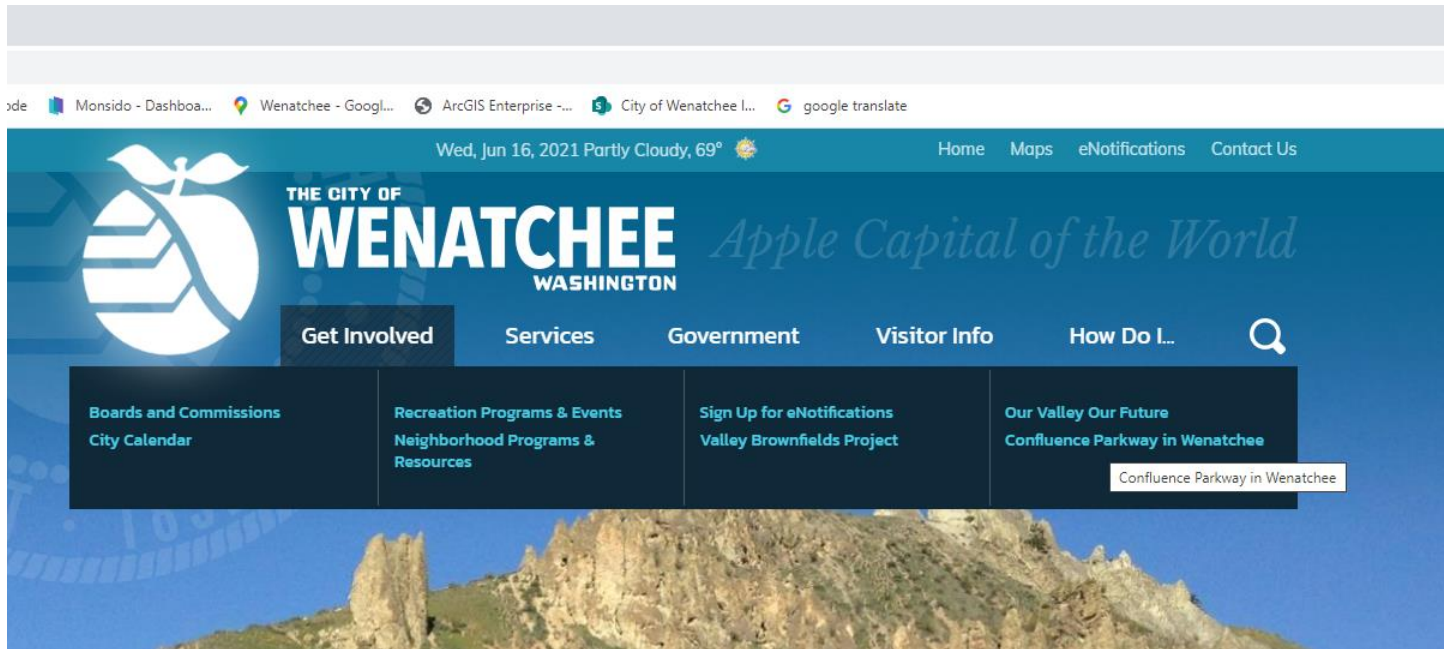
Location: Apple Capital Loop, near Hawley and Railroad intersection (within project impact area).



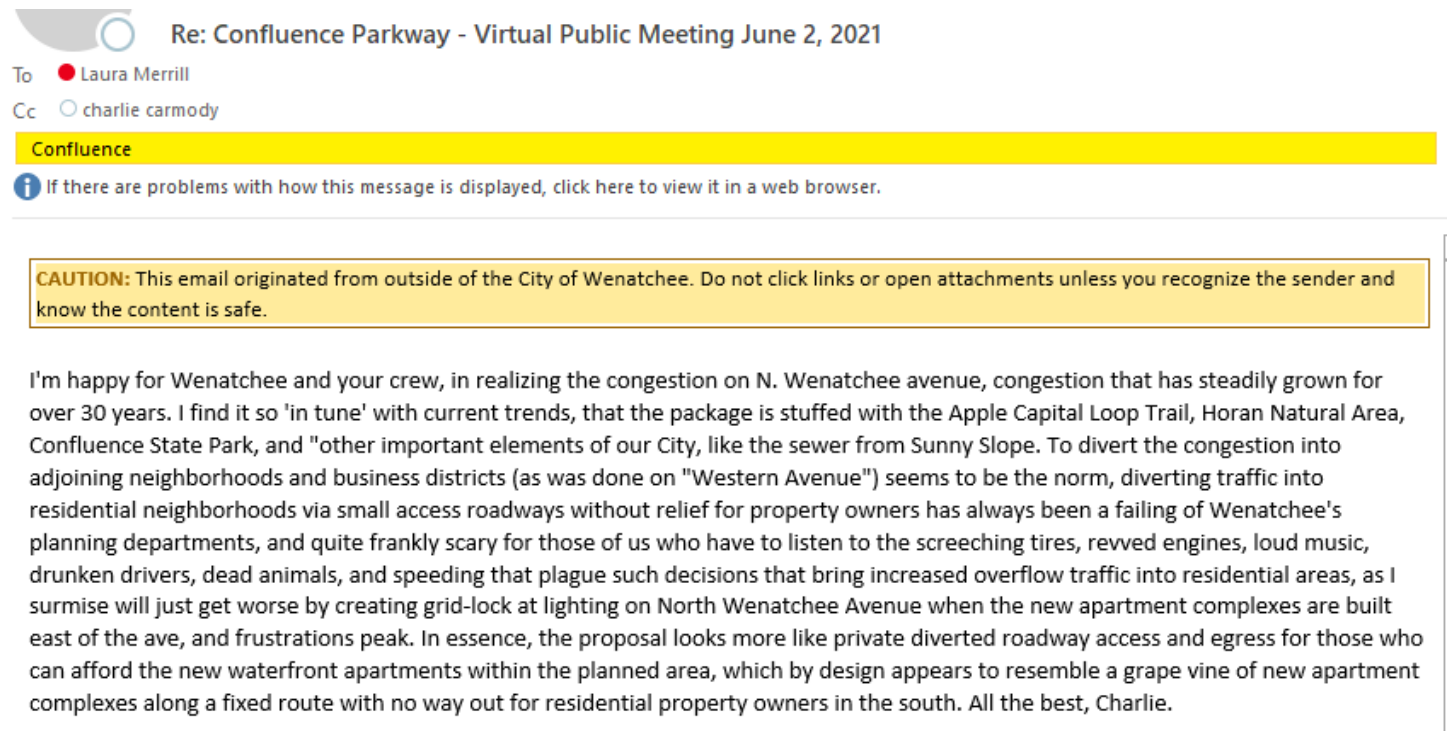
Appendix D. Project Page on City Website/Comments Received

The City highlighted the project page with under the “Get Involved” sub-header on the front page.

Project page link: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/government/city-projects/confluence-parkway-in-wenatchee>



Comments received from feedback form on project page:



Form Name: Confluence Parkway Comments
Date & Time: 06/06/2021 1:28 PM
Response #: 41
Submitter ID: 7709
IP address: 66.172.96.140
Time to complete: 4 min. , 44 sec.

Survey Details

Page 1

Please provide your comments on Confluence Parkway:


I am very concerned about the noise effects on the Horan area. During the presentation given via the museum, I did not see anything specific or significant about how that will be addressed. I strongly urge you to create noise buffers such as tall brick walls that you see in large cities along their freeways.

The visuals shown in that presentation showed a street in the distance with one car on it. In reality there will be a steady stream of cars, which not only will create noise but also a visual impact.

In addition to the specific noise buffers, I suggest also visual buffers such as trees that could be planted not only right along the new roads but also closer in near/next to the pedestrian / bike walkways and Confluence park, such that one cannot see the busy street AT ALL.

If you would like to be involved as a stakeholder, please provide your contact information:

Not answered

 wendy sharp <wendybanjobird@gmail.com>
bicycle safety
CPNEPA

After taking part in the zoom meeting June 2, and hearing that thus far, the plan is for there to be a bicycle lane, marked with paint, and, as a bicyclist who navigates Wenatchee Avenue on a daily basis, I'd like to comment.

Why, when starting from scratch and having the opportunity to provide bicycles with the safest road possible, would you choose to only have a bike lane, delineated by paint? I feel like this would be a lost opportunity, and, with not much more effort or dollars, safer options could be implemented. What about pylons? Separated bike lane? Raised bike lane? Please consider that the current situation on Wenatchee Avenue is so horrendous, so incredibly unsafe, that cyclists are looking for more than painted lanes on Confluence Parkway. If, like was said at the meeting, that Confluence Parkway is to be a route for cyclists who want to go faster on the loop trail that will be parallel to Confluence Parkway, then I think we have to make sure this alternate route is as safe as possible. The current plan is not as safe as possible. Planners need to think of bicycles as legitimate modes of transportation, used in place of vehicles for errands, work transportation, etc.---- not just for recreation.

Also, the plan, as stated at the meeting, for safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists for Wenatchee Avenue-

-I applaud the plan to improve the bridge-to-Walnut street section. Obviously, this is extremely dangerous as is. I didn't hear any plan for beyond Walnut Street. The businesses beyond Walnut Street should have safe access for bicyclists as well as vehicles.

-given that there isn't a firm date for the Confluence Parkway project, and that change is likely a few years away, and that the Easy street/sunnyslope/Chatham Hill area is growing so quickly, can some simple changes be made on Wenatchee Avenue to make it a little bit safer for bikes and pedestrians? Pylons separating the driving lane from the bike lane when exiting the bike path coming from Chatham Hill, signals along the avenue that don't send bikes/pedestrians across at the same time as left turning vehicles, continuing the side walk up Horse Lake at the walmart intersection-even if for only a little way----just a few ideas. Thanks, Wendy Sharp



Bob Stoehr <bobostoehr@yahoo.com>

Fw: Confluence Parkway June 2 Meeting comments

CPNEPA

Thank you for putting the program together and keeping in touch during the NEPA analysis process.

- I concur with moving the alignment further way from Confluence State Park. The Park has such a pastoral atmosphere that will be affected by a nearby highway. I am interested in how the new alignment will affect the McDougall property.

-Assuming the alignment along the RR tracks will impinge on the wetlands, what mitigation is being planned?

-The discussion about the new bridge was confusing. It was unclear why the current pedestrian bridge was being removed.. Different reasons were given by different speakers; from consolidating impacts to the Wenatchee River, to the need to replace a deteriorating structure (pedestrian bridge), to a neat double decker design of the new bridge. It would certainly seem preferable to maintain the existing pedestrian bridge (which is out in the open with great views and a good alignment) then tucking it underneath a highway (which would have restricted views, noise, and a closed in feel). I believe you need to clarify the rationale for removing the existing pedestrian bridge.

Thank you for the opportunity, Bob Stoehr

Form Name: Confluence Parkway Comments
Date & Time: 05/17/2021 5:07 PM
Response #: 40
Submitter ID: 7664
IP address: 65.49.137.199
Time to complete: 7 min. , 6 sec.

Survey Details

Page 1

Please provide your comments on Confluence Parkway:
This looks like a great plan to me!

If you would like to be involved as a stakeholder, please provide your contact information:
Not answered

COMMENT CARD

What do you think about the Project? Share your comments with us.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Comment(s): Should stay
open longer

COMMENT CARD

What do you think about the Project? Share your comments with us.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Comment(s): Please eliminate left
turns in + out of the Starbucks/
Wendy's complex.

Also, a Right turn lane onto Easy
from the Hwy 2197 + Easy intersection
when coming off the Oda. bridge

COMMENT CARD

What do you think about the Project? Share your comments with us.

Name: p'squosa Email: _____

Comment(s): _____

Wenatchi Land back

COMMENT CARD

What do you think about the Project? Share your comments with us.

Name: P'squosa Email: _____

Comment(s): _____

Wenatchi Land Back!!

COMMENT CARD

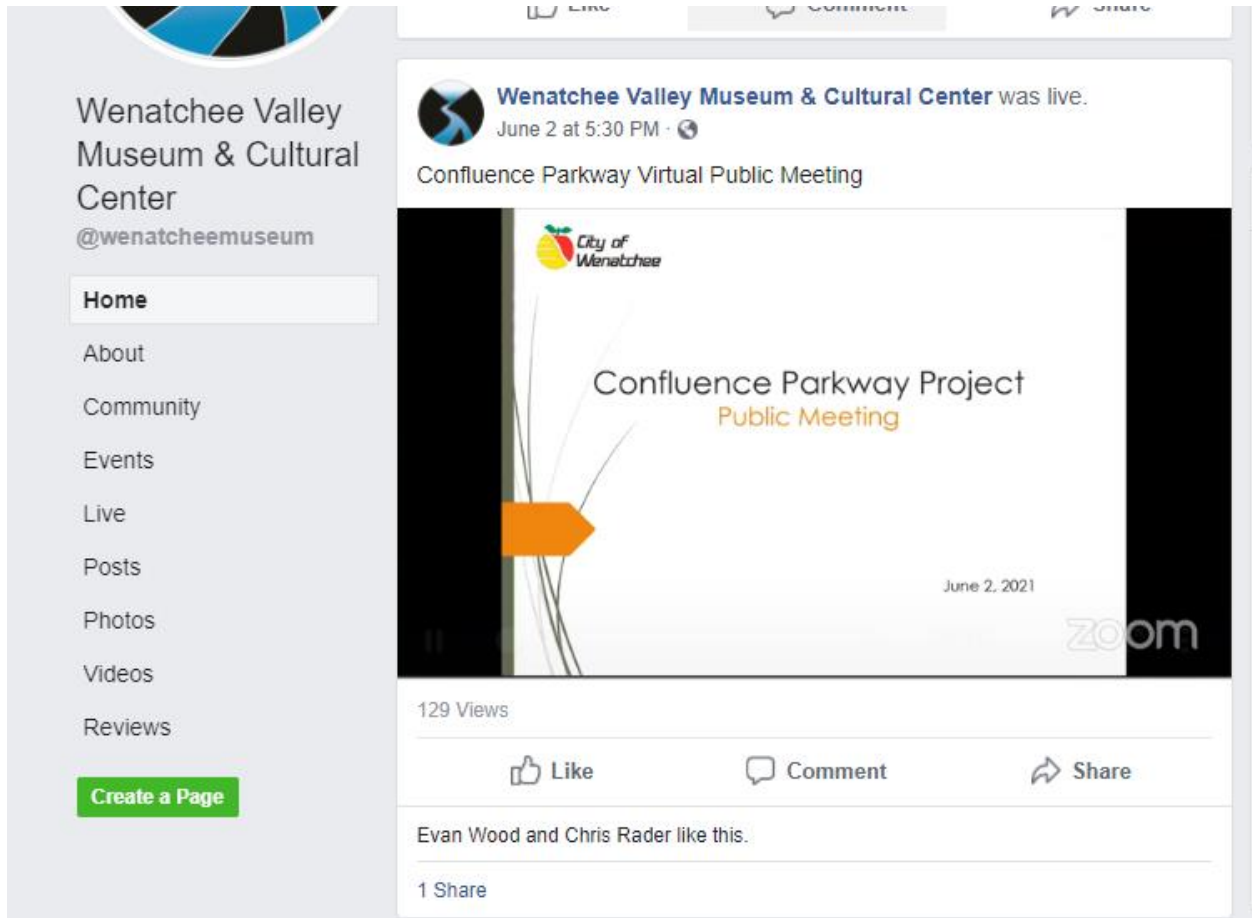
What do you think about the Project? Share your comments with us.

Name: McLain Johnson Email: mclain.johnson@gmail.com

Comment(s): The confluence parkway project brings way to much traffic to the Horan Wildlife Area and Confluence State Park. ~~It~~ This project compromises the beauty and value of those areas.

Appendix F. Virtual Public Meeting Materials & Outcomes

The Virtual Public meeting was streamed live on the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center’s Facebook page and is available at <https://www.facebook.com/wenatcheemuseum/videos/3993102927443551/>



Virtual Public Meeting Participant Comments/Questions and Responses

- Figure 1 shows the McKittrick leg, important to north end access
- An earlier presentation of Confluence Parkway included an education center for the P'squosa-Wenatchi. Is that still in the plan?
 - This topic is being discussed as part of a Cultural Resources subcommittee.
- Where will the new bridge be in relation to the existing pedestrian bridge, i.e. the same place or somewhere more upstream or downstream?
 - The new bridge will be in between the existing pedestrian bridge and railroad bridge.
- Will there be new access to the loop trail from the old Wenatchee river bridge?
 - There are safety concerns associated with riding a bike on the existing SR 285 bridge so no new connections will be made from this bridge to the loop trail.
- Will noise control structures be installed?

- The City is coordinating with WSDOT on the details of noise mitigation; however, noise berms and screening will likely be installed.
- Did the 8,000-9,000 daily redirected traffic numbers come from the study?
 - Yes.
- On the new bridge, will the bike/ped trail be physically separated from the highway? Why is it necessary to remove the existing bike ped/bridge?
 - The current proposal is for the bike/ped trail to be located beneath the vehicle bridge. The City is still working with the Chelan PUD to determine if the existing pedestrian bridge will be removed or not.
- A year ago, the Parkway project included a loop through Douglas County. Is that still on the table?
 - This is not a part included in the current project proposal or environmental process.
- When will the decision to remove the ped bridge be finalized?
 - The City is continuing to work with the Chelan PUD and would like to obtain feedback from members of the public on this decision. A specific date has not been determined.
- The current bike/ped bridge across the Wenatchee River has a deck width of 8 ft. What will be the width of a new bike/ped deck under the highway?
 - The new bike/ped deck is currently identified as 12' width.
- With the change in alignment to the west of the Horan, is it still possible to consider reintroducing surface water to the Horan
 - The City and the Chelan PUD are working on a comprehensive stormwater approach to discharge treated stormwater from the Confluence Parkway project and from other areas of the City to the wetlands.
- What provisions for bikes will be made elsewhere on the Parkway? Will there be separation between vehicles and bikes? By elsewhere, I mean outside of the bridge section.
 - Bike lanes will be installed along the Confluence Parkway roadway as alternate to the loop trail for commuters and higher speed users.
- Has funding for this project been secured?
 - The City is waiting to hear back from the USDOT on the status of an INFRA grant that they recently applied for.
- The proposal from last year for 243 million included a bridge over BNSF tracks at Bridge Street. What is the status of that proposal?
 - This crossing isn't part of the Confluence Parkway project, but it is still included in the INFRA grant application for the larger Apple Capital Loop suite of projects.
- Is the main reason to combine the pedestrian and highway bridges to consolidate the impacts to the Wenatchee River or are there alignment issues?
 - Removing the existing pedestrian bridge would result in lesser impacts to aquatic and riparian habitat of the Wenatchee River.
- Will there be physical separation between cars and bikes, i.e. a physical barrier of some kind between cars and bikes vs. a painted line?
 - No, the current plan is that cars and bikes will be separated by a painted line.
- What is the expected speed limit on the parkway?
 - The design speed is 35 mph; however, the posted speed may be 30 mph in congested areas.
- What accommodations, if any are going to be made to North Wenatchee Avenue in terms of bicycle and pedestrian improvements so that non-motorized users have safe access to businesses along the ave.
 - A key element of the project is to create new connections and to support non-motorized multimodal users; however, the project does not include new bicycle or pedestrian facilities on North Wenatchee Avenue. Confluence Parkway would include bicycle lanes in each direction along its entirety.
- Can an element be added to this project to assist in the re-watering of the Horan area?
 - The City will consider this comment and discuss with the Project team.
- What is the next option for funding if that request is declined? Or is the project then put off?
 - The City plans to continue to pursue funding for the project until it is secured.

- N Wenatchee sub-area plans show a proposed cantilevered bike/ped crossing on the 285 bridge across Wenatchee River to connect Chatham Hill with Rainbow Park. There is no mention in the plan of a connection between Chatham Hill and Confluence SP. Comment?
 - This proposal is not included as part of Confluence Parkway, but is included with the North Wenatchee Avenue improvements project.
- Do you see the alignment along the west edge of the Horan area being shifted west or will it run along the bluff as presented previously?
 - The alignment that has been proposed and shared to date is based on the alternatives previously considered. The City anticipates moving forward with this approach.
- The pedestrian bridge doesn't seem as stable as maybe I would like it to be. Are engineers concerned about the condition of that bridge?
 - Per the Chelan PUD, the existing pedestrian bridge has a lifespan of approximately 40 years, with approximately 10 years of remaining life. The Project provides the opportunity to replace the existing pedestrian bridge with a new combined vehicular/pedestrian bridge, therefore restarting the lifespan/useful life for pedestrian access and removing the obligation for the PUD to replace or remove the existing bridge in the future.
- Would the project score higher if it improved bike access and safety with protected bike lanes along the length of the parkway? What is the scoring mechanism and does pedestrian and bike access and safety factor into scoring?
 - There are many metrics that go into scoring for the INFRA grant of which bicycle access and connections is one.



Confluence Parkway Project

Public Meeting

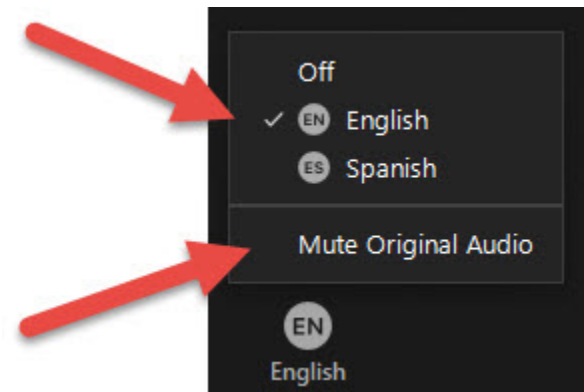
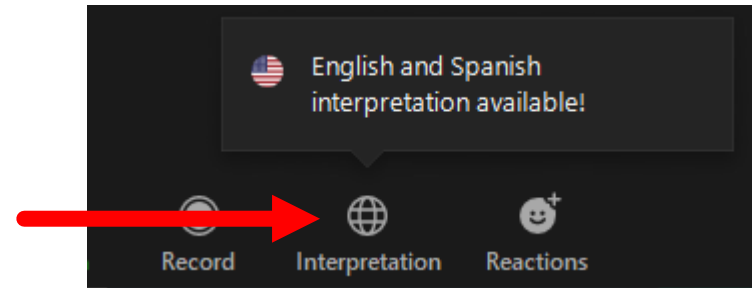
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Introductions



City of Wenatchee

Mayor Frank Kuntz, Laura Merrill, Gary Owen,
Rob Jammerman



Wenatchee Valley Museum

Keni Sturgeon



Anchor QEA

Jennifer Horwitz, Barbara Bundy, Jacquie Ptacek




KPG

Nelson Davis, Anne Carr




Meeting Objectives

1. Recap project development and outreach to date
 2. Share preliminary findings from technical studies
 3. Let you know how to stay involved
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What is Confluence Parkway?

- ▶ Confluence Parkway Project is a proposed 2.5-mile bypass corridor that is intended to reduce vehicle congestion on SR 285/North Wenatchee Avenue.
 - ▶ The Project extends from the U.S. 2/Euclid Avenue interchange, crosses the Wenatchee River on a new bridge, and extends south to the intersection of North Miller Street and SR 285/North Wenatchee Avenue.
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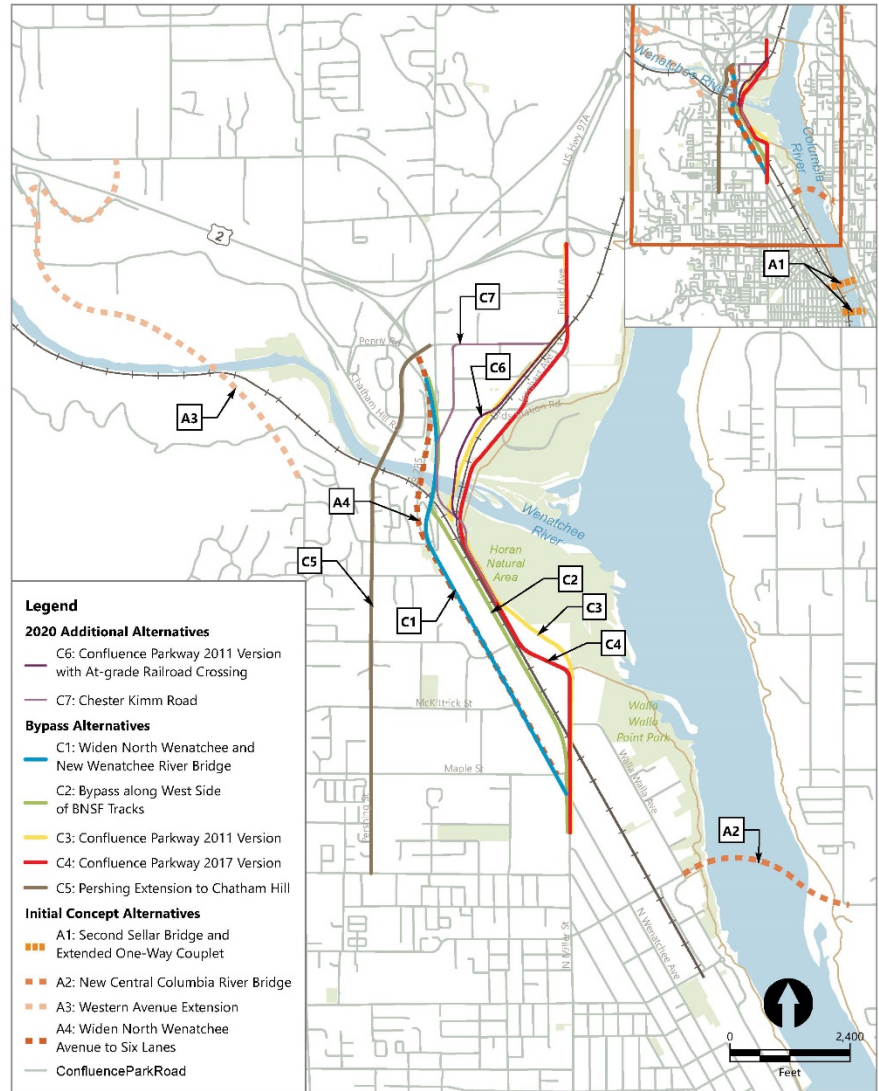


Project Purpose & Need

- Congestion relief and capacity for future demand
- Improve connectivity for all modes along and crossing SR 285
- Provide 3rd access/evacuation route
- Improve transit operations and pedestrian access to transit
- Support North Wenatchee business district
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access along waterfront

Alternatives Considered

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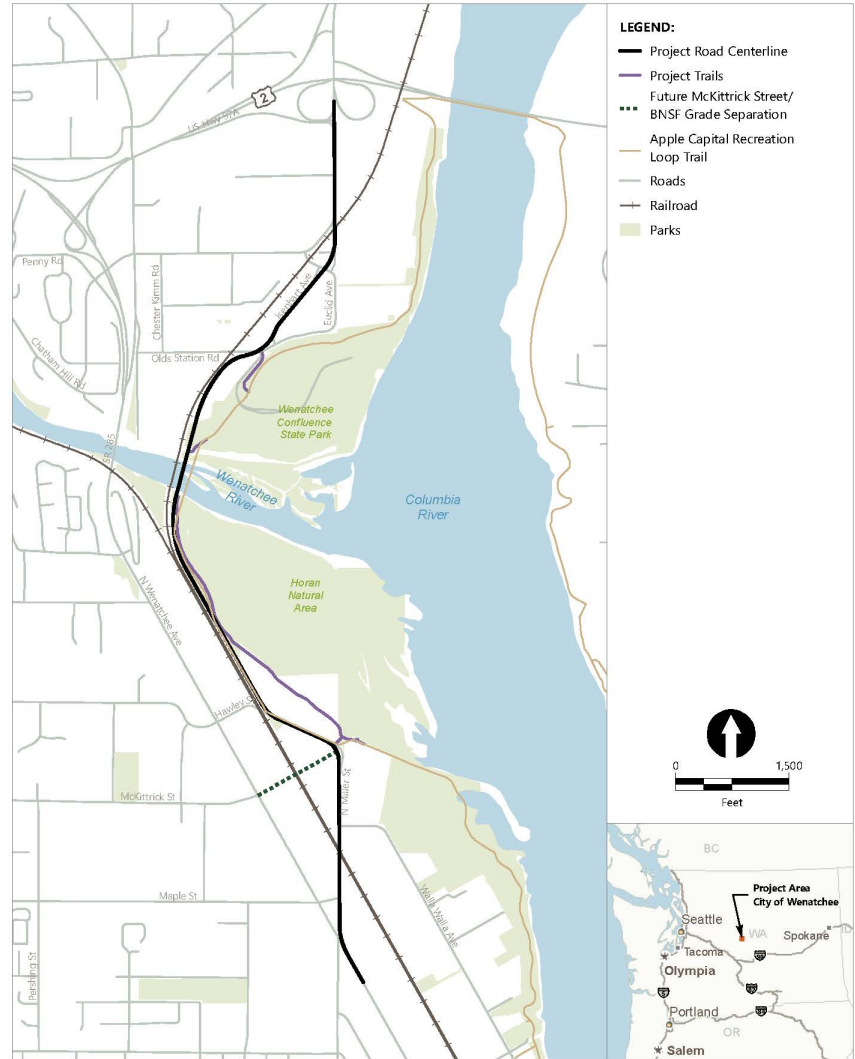


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Figure 2
Alternatives Considered
 Confluence Parkway
 City of Wenatchee

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Figure 1
Project Vicinity
Confluence Parkway, City of Wenatchee

Confluence Parkway as Proposed

What we have heard...



Project Refinements

- Maximize separation from Confluence State Park



Technical Studies

Air Quality

Climate Resiliency

Community and Social Resources

Cultural Resources

Ecosystems

Hazardous Materials

Noise

Transportation

Stormwater

Visual

Parks and Recreation

Water Resources

Transportation

Vehicle Traffic:

- Shifts 8,000-9,000 vehicles per day from North Wenatchee Avenue to Confluence Parkway
- Improves intersection operations and congestion on North Wenatchee Avenue
- Accommodates future development east of the BNSF tracks

Transit/Non-Motorized:

- Supports expanded local/regional transit operations
- Provides pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements



Parks and Recreation

Apple Capital Recreation Trail

- 0.6 miles of trail impacts

Wenatchee Confluence State Park

- 1 acre of impacts

Horan Natural Area

- 4.7 acres of impacts along the top of bluff adjacent to railroad tracks



Celebrate the unique cultural and historical context of the site through integrated placemaking elements

Ecosystems

Riparian Impacts:

- 0.9-acre permanent
- 1.2 acres temporary

Wetland Impacts:

- 2.2 acres permanent buffer
- 0.1-acre temporary wetland
- 0.9-acre temporary buffer

In-water Bridge Foundations:

- 235 square feet permanent
- 3000 square feet temporary

Stormwater:

- 6.8 acres new PGIS
- 10.8 acres replaced PGIS



Noise

Monitoring

- 22 sites

Modeling

- 116 sites

Operational noise

- Wenatchee Confluence State Park
- Horan Natural Area
- North Wenatchee Avenue and North Miller Street

Construction noise

- Earth moving
- Pile driving



Visual Simulations

- Views were analyzed in 3 Landscape Units and at 6 key viewpoints



Visual Simulations

- This image shows Key Viewpoint 3.
 - This viewpoint is facing southwest from the camping area at Wenatchee Confluence State Park.
 - This represents a recreationalist's viewpoint of the proposed new roadway and the new bridge.



Visual Simulations

- This image shows Key Viewpoint 4.
 - This viewpoint is facing northwest from the gravel trail within the north end of the Horan Natural Area.
 - This viewpoint is located in an area approaching the new bridge crossing at Wenatchee River.



Cultural Resources

Approach

- Consultation with Native American Tribes and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Archaeological survey
- Evaluation of historic buildings

Historic Buildings

- Denny's
- Michelsen Packaging Company

Other Cultural Resources

- Archaeological sites
- Traditional cultural practices



Next Steps – Staying Engaged

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	2020		2021				2022	
	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
NEPA technical studies								
ESA Consultation								Winter
Section 106 Consultation								Winter
Environmental Assessment								Winter
Public Open House Meeting								
Public Hearing and Open House on Environmental Assessment								



Next Steps – Staying Engaged

Today

- Provide feedback and ask questions
- Visit our website
- Comment on technical studies through June 21

In the future

- Additional public meetings
- Opportunity to review NEPA document

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Questions?

