Welcome

Thank you for attending the **Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement** Community Meeting and helping us take the next step to replace the bridge!

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Everyone has a story about the bridge. What's yours?

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Bridge History

Hood River-White Salmon Bridge

- Built in 1924 to connect White Salmon/Bingen with Hood River
- Serves as an essential link for local, regional, and interstate travel

1999

Feasibility Study began

2004

Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) completed

- Preferred bridge alignment identified
- Three feasible bridge type alternatives identified

2011

Bridge Type, Size, and Location Study (TS&L) completed

- Bridge type recommendation identified

2018-2020

Complete environmental review process

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Existing & Future Conditions

The outdated Hood River-White Salmon Bridge does not meet current and future needs

Existing Conditions

- Narrow lanes
- Height, width and weight restrictions
- Lack of safety shoulders
- Difficult barge navigation (opening width: 246 feet)
- No bicycle/pedestrian paths

Future Conditions

- Two standard width lanes
- Standard width shoulders, all restrictions lifted
- Improved barge navigation (opening width: 450 feet)
- Bicycle/pedestrian path with mid-bridge overlook

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Project Purpose and Need

Purpose: To improve multi-modal transportation of people and goods across the Columbia River between the Bingen/White Salmon and Hood River communities.

Need: To rectify current and future transportation inadequacies and deficiencies associated with the existing Hood River-White Salmon bridge.

- **Roadway capacity:** Address traffic congestion on the bridge and at both approaches
- **System Linkages:** Maintain a cross-river connection
- **Transportation Demand:** Meet future travel demand for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles
- **Legislation:** Comply with state and federal laws for the corridor
- **Social Demands/Economic Development:** Provide for current and projected flow of goods, labor and consumers across the river; develop long-term funding strategies for operation and maintenance
- **Modal Interrelationships:** Accommodate river navigation, passenger and commercial vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians
- **Safe travel for all modes**

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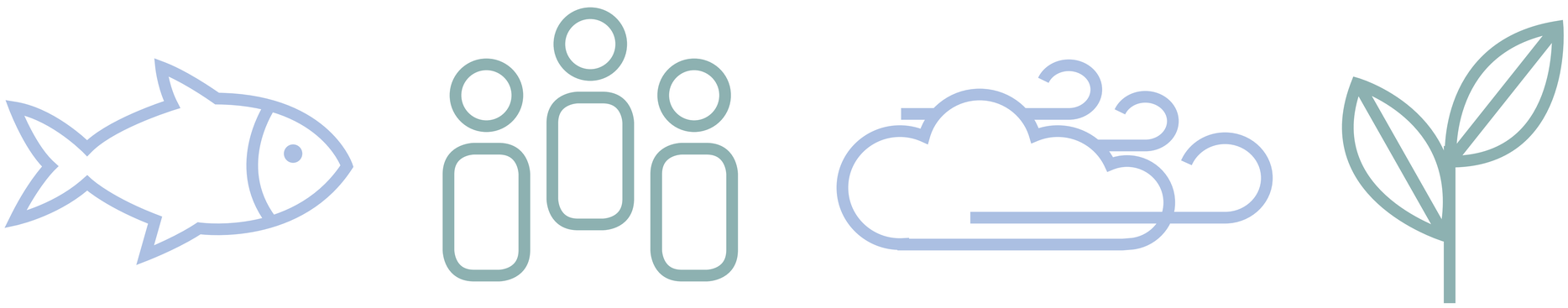
Environmental Impact Analysis

The environmental review will assess benefits and impacts to:

- Air quality
- Cultural resources
- Energy and greenhouse gases
- Environmental justice populations
- Fish and wildlife
- Geology and soils
- Hazardous materials
- Land use
- Noise
- Parks and recreation
- Social and economic conditions
- Traffic
- Vegetation
- Visual quality
- Waterways and water quality
- Wetlands



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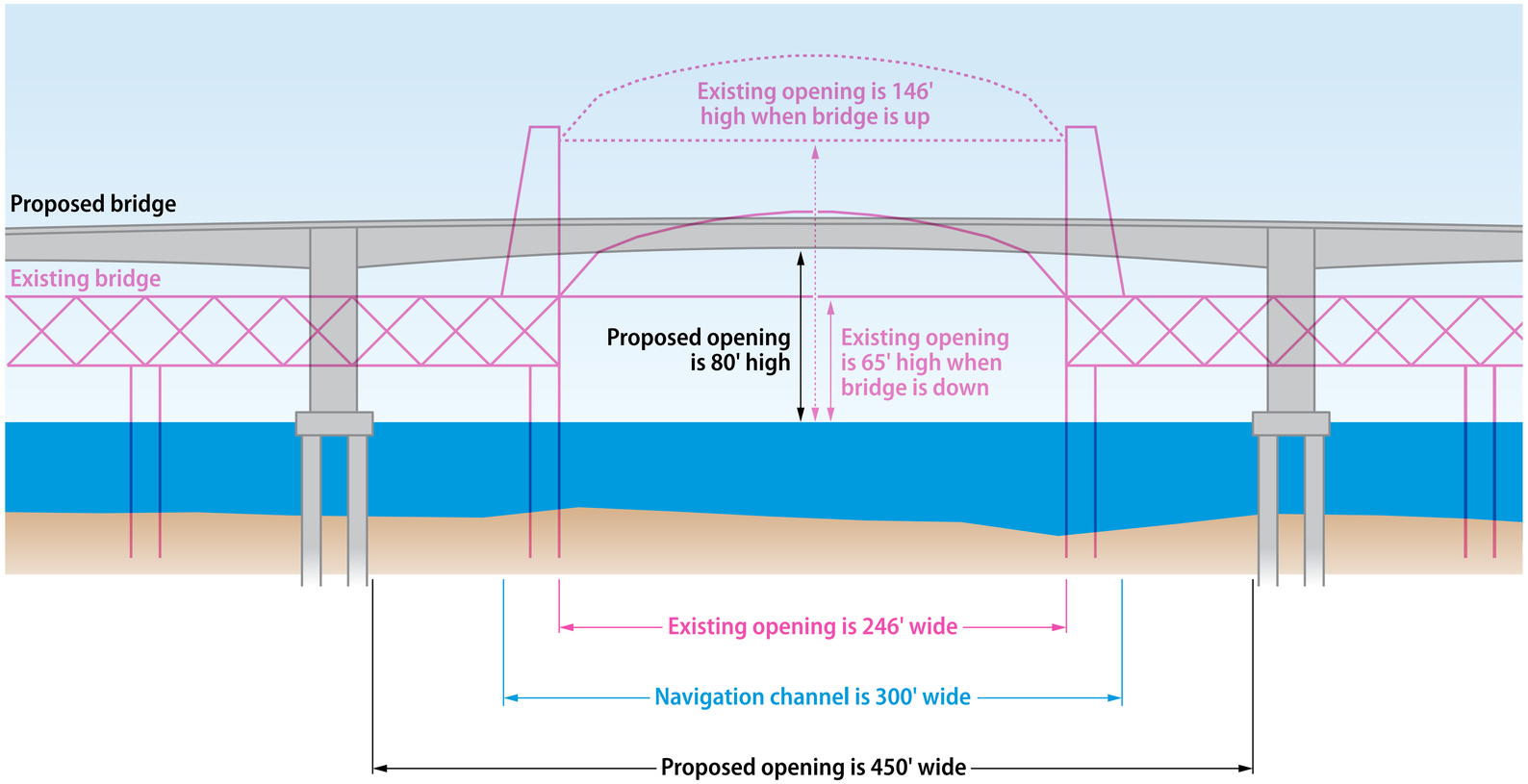
DEIS Screening Process

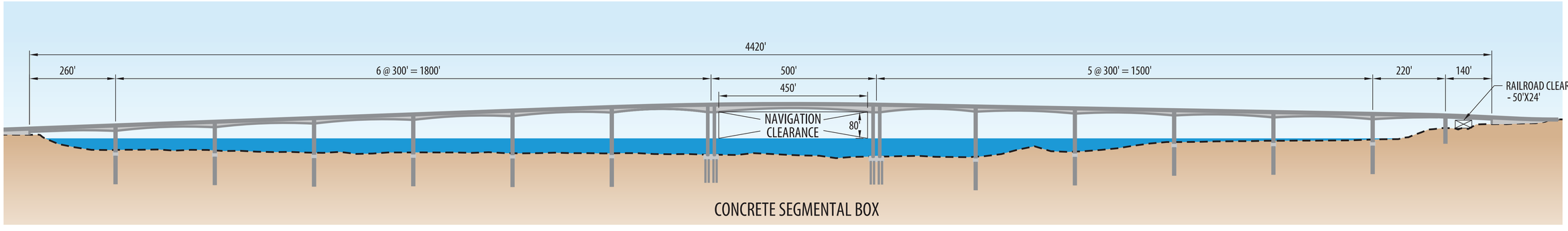
Option Groups

Screening Steps	Step 1: Narrow Corridor Selections (2001) (6 options)	Step 2: Evaluate Facility types (2002) (3 options)	**Existing Low Corridor – Bridge for All Modes** Alignment Alternatives for the Existing Corridor Bridge for All Modes (2010)
West Corridor	✗		
City Center Corridor • Bridge for all modes • Tunnel with retrofit of existing bridge for pedestrians/bicycle	✓	✗	
Existing – Low Corridor • Bridge for all modes • Retrofit existing bridge for all modes	✓	✓	
Existing – High Corridor	✓	✗	
East A Corridor • Bridge for all modes • New bridge and with retrofit of existing bridge for pedestrians/bicycle	✗		
East B Corridor	✗		

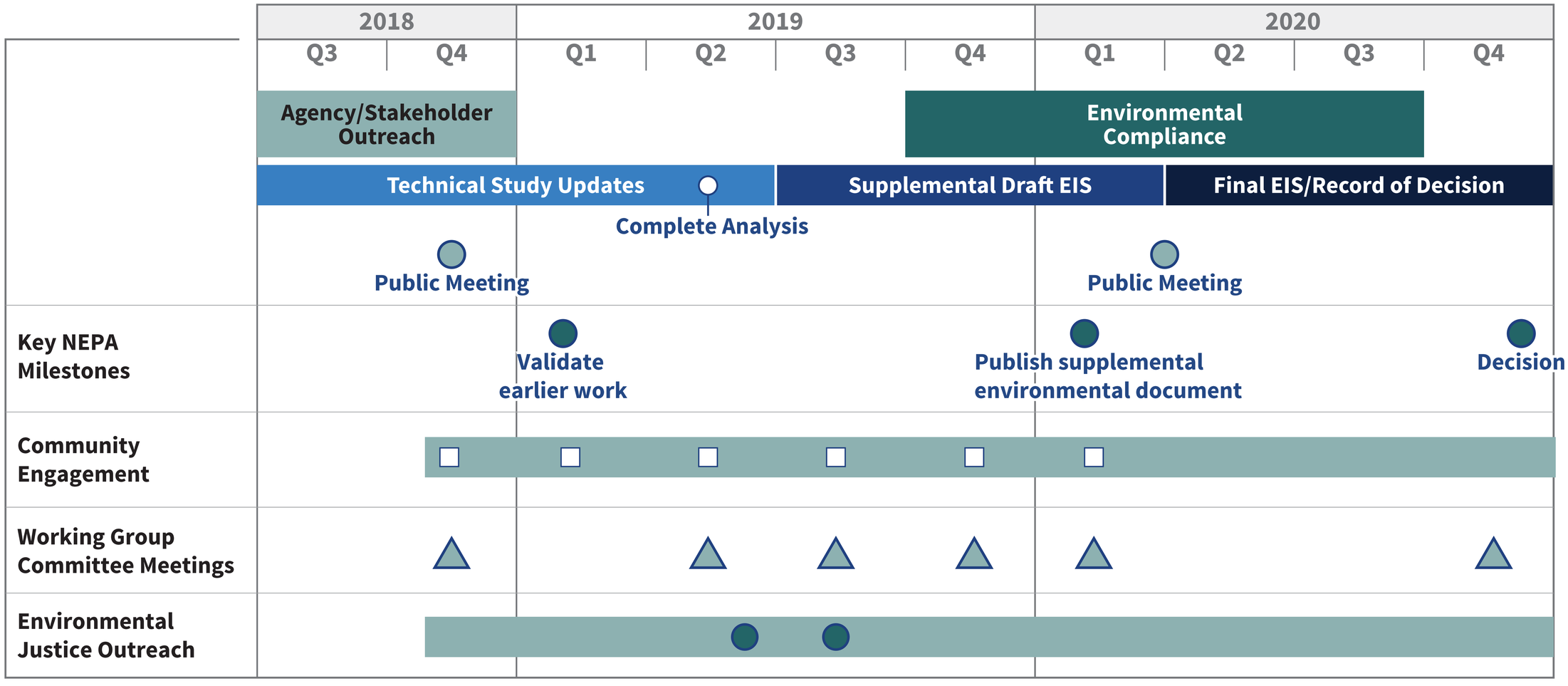
Preliminary Preferred Alternative

- Fixed span bridge (no bridge lift)
- One vehicle travel lane in each direction
- One 12-foot wide bike and pedestrian pathway
- Mid-bridge viewpoint





Environmental Review Project Schedule



Critical components to be completed during the Environmental Review:

- Community outreach
- Environmental and traffic analysis
- Mitigation recommendations
- Publication of technical analysis
- Bridge aesthetics
- Permit planning assistance

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What would you like to tell decision makers about this project?

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Stay informed and engaged!

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