



Hood River – White Salmon

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Community Meeting

December 10, 2018

Agenda

- Welcome
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Past work on the Project: 1999-Present
- Moving Forward: Completing Environmental Review
- Input from the Community



Purpose of Today's Meeting



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- Re-launch the bridge replacement project with the community
- Review past work completed for the project
- Obtain confirmation on past decisions:
 - Purpose and need statement
 - Range of alternatives that were studied in the Draft EIS
 - Preliminary preferred alternative
- Gather community input:
 - Why is the bridge important to you?
 - Are there any issues about the bridge that the project team should consider?



Past Work



Chronology

1999-2004

- Feasibility Study
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement

2010-2011

- Bridge Type, Size & Location Study

2017

- Funding received from Oregon HB 2017

Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- **Feasibility study identified and screened:**
 - Potential corridors to cross the river
 - Types of facilities (new bridge, rehab the existing bridge, tunnel)
 - Bridge alignments within the crossing corridor
 - Resulted in 3 alternatives for study in the Draft EIS
- **Draft EIS**
 - Defined the purpose and need statement
 - Evaluated environmental impacts for 3 bridge alignments
 - Identified a Preliminary Preferred Alternative
 - Held a public comment period to receive comments



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

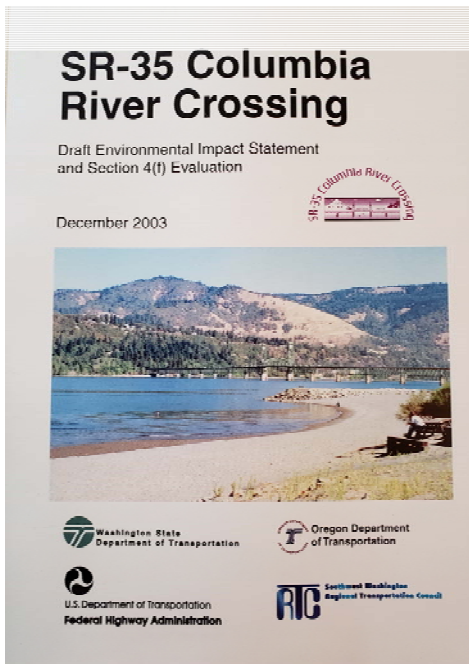
- **EC-2 Alternative identified as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative in the Draft EIS**
 - New bridge located just west (downstream) from the current bridge
 - Current bridge removed
- **Bridge TS&L refined the design of this Preferred Alternative**
 - Fixed span bridge (no lift)
 - One travel lane in each direction
 - One 12-foot wide bike and pedestrian pathway separated from traffic
 - Mid-bridge viewpoint



Moving
Forward

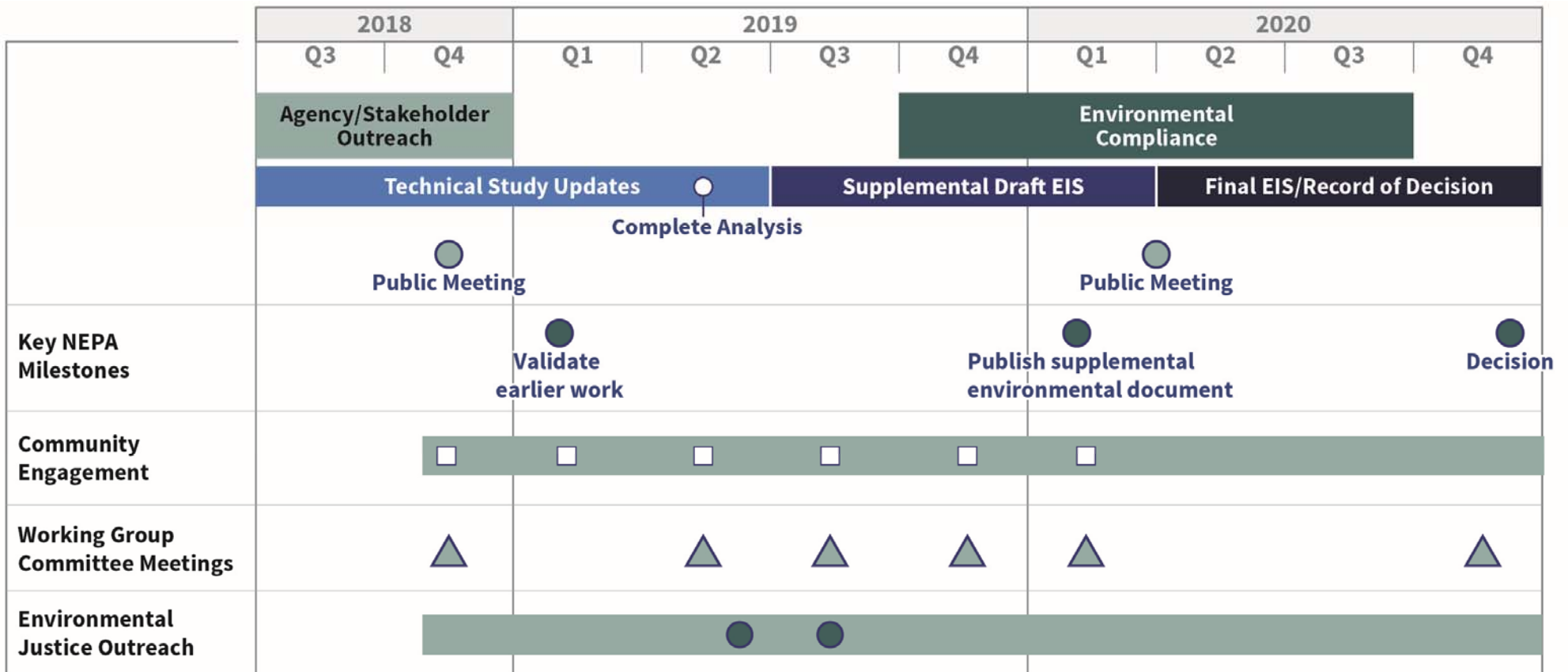


Completing Environmental Review



- **Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) began in earlier project phase**
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) published in 2003**
- **Next:**
 - Update technical analyses
 - Prepare a supplemental and/or final environmental document
 - Obtain a NEPA decision from the Federal Highway Administration regarding the level of environmental impacts and formalizing the Preferred Alternative

Next Steps



Community Input



We'd Like to Hear from You

- Tell us your “bridge story” and what decision-makers should know about the project
- Do you agree with:
 - Purpose and Need Statement
 - Range of Alternatives studied in the Draft EIS
 - Selection of the Preferred Alternative
- Fill out a comment form
- Take our online survey at: bit.ly/Bridge-Survey
- Visit the project website at: bit.ly/HoodRiverBridge





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Thank you for coming today