

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Queen Anne Transportation Committee
Date: November 30, 2005 – 7:30 pm
Location: Queen Anne Community Center
Team Members: Kirk Jones, Cela Fortier, Sarah Brandt

Overview

Kirk Jones provided a presentation to the Queen Anne Transportation Committee to discuss the Rehabilitation Alternative and solicit input on selecting a preferred alternative. Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Of primary concern to Queen Anne is the length of time the bridge will be closed, project costs, and traffic impacts to 15th Ave W.

Questions/Comments

Meeting attendees had the following questions and comments. Responses are indicated in *italics*.

- Do the total costs SDOT has calculated consider cost savings for possible right-of-way swaps? *No.*
- What do you mean when you talk about third-party financial deals? *This could include financial support from the Port, for example, to offset some of our costs given that we will serve the North Bay property.*
- What impacts will there be to emergency response times and capabilities? *None, we will station an extra response unit in Magnolia, as we did when the bridge closed previously.*
- Has the Port of Seattle expressed a preference among the alternatives? *No.*
- The downtime of the bridge will be very costly to businesses in Magnolia, Queen Anne, and along 15th Ave. We also need to make sure we protect parklands as important parts of the city. Parkland would be affected on the western end of the bridge depending on the alternative chosen.
- When will we know the real cost numbers for comparison, including potential land swaps? *We won't have that information before selecting a preferred alternative, so are assuming that we'll pay full cost for ROW.*
- Has the Magnolia Community Council reached a consensus on the alternatives?
- Do you have a sense of what alternative people most favor? *It seems A and D are the most popular.*
- Would all alternatives be equally durable? *Yes.*