Community Insight at I-5 Boone Bridge Open House

The I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement project held an open house on November 16, 2023, at City Hall in Wilsonville. With a turnout of about 120 people, the event showed the community is very interested in the project. Attendees were invited to talk about the issues they saw in the project area and share their thoughts on how to address them. This feedback contributes to a community-supported project and helps move the project through federal and state planning processes.

Rose Gerber, ODOT Communications Lead, talks with attendees at the I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement Project Open House.

Balancing Priorities for a Better Tomorrow

At the open house, participants agreed that a safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle bridge and earthquake preparedness for the river crossing are very important. We heard some differing views about how to handle traffic congestion in the area. Some suggested steering away from road widening and focusing on transit and active transportation. Others told us it is very important to prepare for current and future traffic levels. Many people are worried about moving through the area, especially because of earthquakes, traffic congestion and car crashes.

Seeking Solutions for a Sustainable Future

The open house gave the project team its first opportunity to hear direct feedback on the very early stages of the project. We heard many differing points of view, but it's clear that the community is invested in making thoughtful choices to improve the area. Enhancing safety, addressing environmental concerns and contributing to the overall well-being of the community are the main focus. Ongoing public involvement is very important as we work together to shape a sustainable and resilient transportation system.

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Stay updated on the I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement project by visiting the project website at https://tinyurl.com/BooneBridge to sign up for updates.

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