

SR 99 AURORA BRIDGE FENCE PROJECT DRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Project Background

The SR 99 Aurora Bridge is a registered national historic landmark that connects Seattle's Fremont and Queen Anne neighborhoods across the Ship Canal. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is designing a fence for the bridge to promote public safety.

The Washington State Legislature approved funding for fence design in March 2008. WSDOT will present a fence design to the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board in early October 2008 for approval in November 2008.

WSDOT was involved in the City of Seattle's conceptual design outreach process that began in early 2008. This multi-step process gathered stakeholders and community members together to identify their values for a fence and to develop conceptual designs that were provided to both the City and WSDOT.

WSDOT Project Goals

- Create continuity between the City's previous conceptual design process and WSDOT's current design work tasked by the Legislature
- Clearly define project parameters and constraints, including technical feasibility, historic requirements and financial considerations
- Design a fence that meets Landmarks Preservation Board requirements and is consistent with community values

Advisory Committee

As WSDOT moves into the design phase, it is forming an Advisory Committee (AC) to reflect the values and issues of various stakeholders. While WSDOT will maintain decision-making authority regarding which design is submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Board, the AC will play a vital role in the development of fence designs and identification of a preferred design for board review.

AC Goals

- Diligently represent the values and issues of community members and stakeholders
- attend AHC + Landmarks Preservation Board mtgs (LPB)
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every other Friday

← ~~attend~~ every other wed.

architectural review committee

AC Members and Invitees

WSDOT invited representatives of the following organizations:

- Seattle Fremont Individuals and Employees Nonprofit to Decrease Suicides (FRIENDS)
- Office of Representative Mary Lou Dickerson
- Office of King County Councilmember Larry Phillips
- Lake Union District Council
- Queen Anne Community Council
- Fremont Chamber of Commerce
- Fremont Neighborhood Council
- Seattle Department of Transportation
- Historic Seattle
- Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board
- Cascade Bicycle Club
- King County Crisis Clinic
- Seattle City Council

AC Meetings

WSDOT is planning to have six AC meetings by the end of October. WSDOT plans to have technical resources at each meeting to provide expertise on the feasibility of design ideas. AC meetings (excluding the initial meeting) will be open to the public and will provide the public with an opportunity to give spoken or written comments. AC members, design committee members and WSDOT project staff will be provided with a summary of each meeting, including public comments.

Tentative AC Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Purpose	Desired outcome
July 9	Seattle Pacific University	Kick-off meeting to meet AC members, review timeline, AC member expectations, project parameters, confirm future meeting dates	Establish a clear understanding of expectations and goals; confirm meeting schedule; receive AC input on WSDOT work to date
July 17	Phinney Neighborhood Center	Review draft designs/ technical committee work	TBD
August 13	Phinney Neighborhood Center	Review draft designs/ technical committee work	TBD
September 11	Phinney Neighborhood	Review draft designs/ technical committee work	TBD

*public mtgs
Phinney
Thursdays*

	Center		
September 30 or October 1	TBD	Review final draft designs	Receive AC input on design to be submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Board for approval
October 21, 22 or 23	TBD	Meeting if needed	Meeting if needed