

# Allentown Advocates Community Engagement Meeting

March 30, 2021



# Zoom tips

- Please stay muted until you are ready to speak
- Raise your hand to be called on to make a comment
- Type your questions or comment into the chat
- If you need technical support, text or call 206-940-6013



# Introductions & Agenda

- Introductions
- Answer your questions – 3/29 from Sally Blake
- Community presentation
- Project history and need
- Where are we now?
- What's next?



# Answers to Your Questions

Why was the BNSF Access Study report from 2015/2016 never moved from draft to final form? This report had the 48th street bridge as the number one preferred option to reroute the truck traffic out of Allentown permanently.

- You are correct that the access study has been delayed. This happened because in August of 2017, the critical need to replace the 42nd Avenue Bridge became apparent, and the City has a civic and legal responsibility to ensure that the bridge does not fail and preserve public safety. Because the bridge currently has a sufficiency rating of 7.56 out of 100, the City must make the 42nd Avenue Bridge our number one infrastructure replacement project.





# Answers to Your Questions

Why did the consultants contact only the businesses and not the residents in February regarding the possible rebuild of the 42nd Ave. Bridge and/or extending 124th street across the river?

- The intention has always been to include feedback from residents in the replacement bridge project and we had planned to start that outreach in the Spring. While we did initiate the outreach with some businesses, we recognize that feedback from residents is an essential part of the type, size, and location (TS&L) report. Your feedback will be included in the final bridge design.



# Answers to Your Questions

Maria Cantwell was made aware of our situation with the truck traffic in Allentown approximately six years ago. She requested a formal “ASK “with a plan for the alternate bridge on 48th. Why wasn't Maria Cantwell’s request followed through on?

- Senator Cantwell has a long history of supporting the Allentown neighborhood. Because of the emergent reality of the need to replace the 42nd Avenue Bridge, the City has had to focus its infrastructure funding requests toward this project. Senator Cantwell’s support was for mitigating the impacts of the rail yard in the Allentown neighborhood however, it was never project specific.



# Answers to Your Questions

Have the Federal standards for bridge maintenance and inspections been followed for the existing 42nd Ave bridge by the City of Tukwila?

- Yes. The City has an ongoing contract with King County Inspection Services and meets federal standards for bridge maintenance and inspections. The 42nd Ave S Bridge receives the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) 24-month Routine inspection, the 24-month mandated fracture critical inspections, as well as 6-month interim inspections for the north pier. Due to the critical nature of the bridge now we are on a 12-month inspection schedule



# Answers to Your Questions

Regarding the approximate \$11 million dollar pedestrian bridge constructed on West Valley Highway several years ago... where did the funding come from and what was the time-line for requesting it?

- The funding for the West Valley Highway pedestrian bridge came from four multi-year grant sources between 2006 and 2016. \$6.8 million of this project was funded by the Washington State Regional Mobility grant, which supports projects improve multimodal connections and services between counties or regional transit centers.





# Community Presentation

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**42nd Ave S Bridge Replacement Project - Community Engagement**



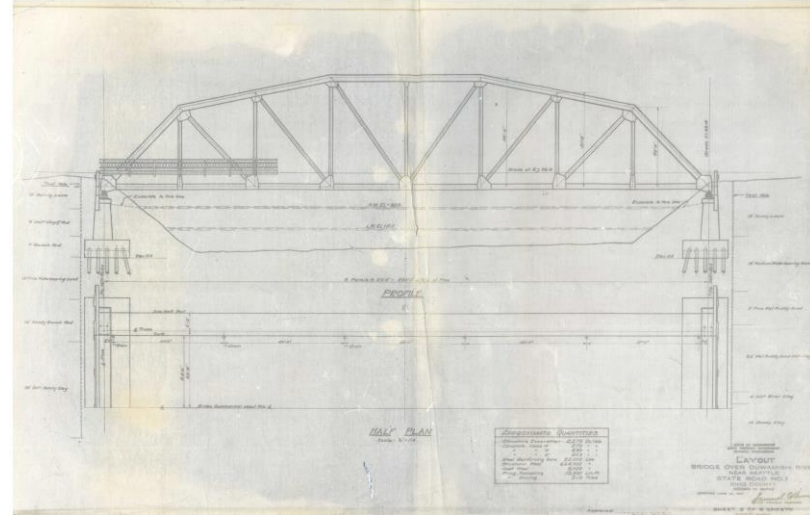
# Looking forward

- Partner with you, Allentown residents
- Seek guidance from you to make the upcoming community meeting, and future community engagement, a success



# Bridge History

- Design plans are dated in 1927
- Bridge was built 1949
- Weight and speed restricted in 2017 for several legal trucks
- Bridge was originally designed for 75 years



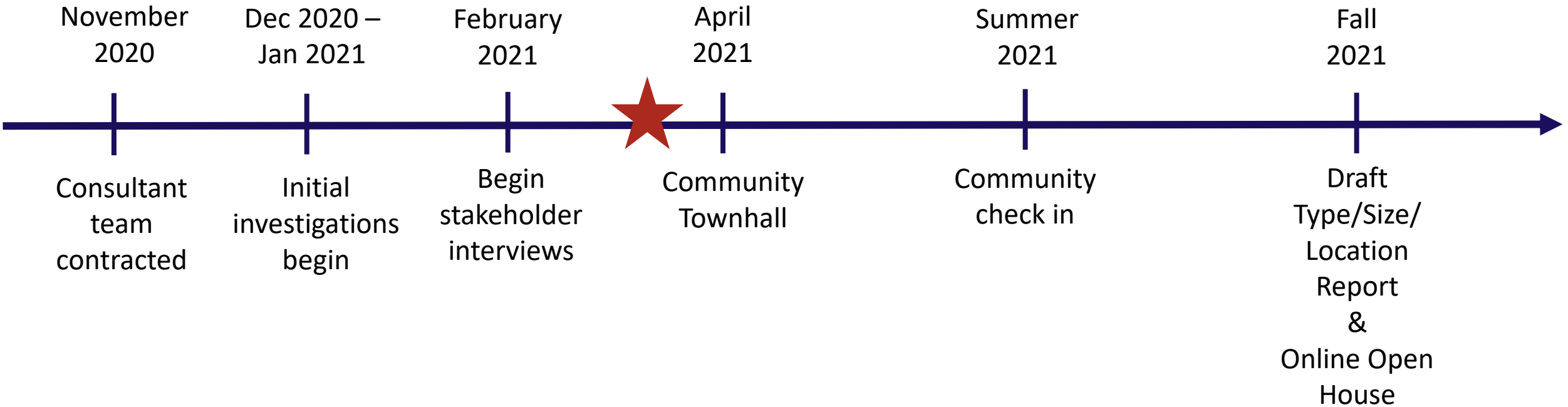


# Reasons for Replacement

- Current Sufficiency Rating is 7.56 out of 100
- Substandard (Functionally Obsolete) for non-motorized access (i.e., pedestrian, bike, and ADA)
- Primary access to the Tukwila Community Center via pedestrian, bike, and vehicle
- Bridge is not ADA compliant
- Making the new structure multi use with pedestrian, bike, and vehicle access
- Wide-spread damages on the bridge including corrosion, pack-rust, frozen bearings and spalling concrete supports.
- Fracture-critical bridge susceptible to fatigue failure



# Where are we now?





# Next steps – preparation for April 27 Townhall

- March 31** Project website updated with this presentation and link to recorded meeting
- April 2** Mail postcard notifications for April 27 Community Townhall
- April 2** Survey to incorporate Allentown community feedback in the Type/Size/Location Report goes live on project website (TukwilaWA.gov/42<sup>nd</sup>)
- April 7** Hard copy surveys available at the Tukwila Community Center
- April 7** Posters delivered to Tukwila Community Center and Allentown Superette
- April 14** Door-to-door notifications for April 27 Community Townhall
- Weeks of April 12 & 19** Email and social media notification for April 27 Community Townhall
- April 27** Online Community Townhall, via Zoom, begins at 5:30 PM



# Community Townhall

**Format:** Presentation, Q/A, breakout groups

**Community feedback:** Below are questions the technical team needs to finish the Type / Size / Location report (TS&L report). Feedback will be used and shared in the TS&L report (due this summer).

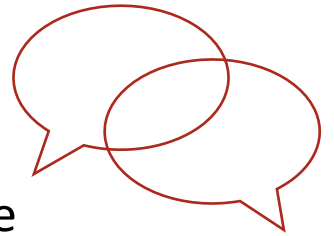
*A TS&L report will consider all reasonable replacement options and help narrow the choices. The report will determine the functional and physical characteristics of the bridge, how it will be constructed, and its location. This is the step before a project goes into 30% design.*

## Experience using the bridge

- What methods of travel do you use that take you over the bridge?
- What has been your experience crossing the bridge?
- What kind of issues, if any, do you and your family experience when using the bridge?

## Future use of the bridge

- What ideas do you have for making the bridge a welcoming gateway into the Tukwila or Allentown community?
- Keeping in mind federal funding limitations, what do you hope the City of Tukwila prioritizes and considers when developing design and construction concepts for the bridge?



## Engagement

- Due to COVID-19, we are unable to meet with folks in person and hold an in-person open house. As an alternative we plan to host an online open house for residents and bridge users. Are there ways you would suggest the City gather feedback from the community?
- What is the best way for us to keep you informed and engaged throughout the project?
- Are there other specific community groups or residents that you suggest we talk with?

## Conclusion and next steps

- Do you have any remaining questions about the project that we did not cover?
- Do you have any additional thoughts that you want to make sure we capture?
- Before we conclude, are there any questions you have about the project that you would like to make sure we cover?



# Stay Engaged

Visit the project website to:

- Sign up for the project listserv
- Get project updates
- Learn about upcoming engagement opportunities

→ [TukwilaWA.gov/42nd](https://TukwilaWA.gov/42nd)

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