

I-5 Lid Feasibility Study  
DON Outreach Report  
July 2019

**Goals**

- To work with underrepresented community members to inform them of the feasibility study
- To hear and document community members' visions, ideas and concerns for a lid over I-5
- To give them ways to keep informed and updated on the process

**Activities**

- Created I-5 Lid Feasibility Study Overview Presentation designed to introduce the basic concepts and generate discussion around potential community vision
- Developed hand out content to accompany Overview Presentation
- Coordinated and delivered presentation to Community Liaison stakeholders representing outreach leads from immigrant, POC, unhoused, ESL, and disability communities
- Refined materials based on feedback from Community Liaison stakeholder meeting
- Outlined additional community outreach targets and timelines through project completion

**Insights**

- Community Liaison stakeholders were extremely intrigued by the concept of lidding I-5, but only if there was a greater realization of community benefits beyond just extending Downtown as is
- The concept of lidding was new, as most viewed local lids (Aubrey Davis Park, Mount Baker Ridge) as tunnels
- Some languages lacked a direct translation for the term "lid", but "cover" was fairly-well understood
- Clear visuals were key to better understanding the concept and the potential
- Questions around equity and access to newly created space were central to interest around support
- Many liaisons were very interested to share lid idea with their communities and stakeholders, and wanted to continue to be a part of the conversation

**August Work Plan**

- Finalize design on I-5 Lid Outreach handout
- Get materials translated into Somali, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Vietnamese
- Set up online space for public access to presentation, translated handouts, and feedback survey
- Schedule meetings with targeted stakeholders:
  - Central District Collaborative
  - United Indians of All Tribes Foundations
  - Chief Seattle Club
  - Yesler Terrace
  - Plymouth Church
  - Generations Aging with Pride
  - Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board
  - DESC
  - Olive Tower Residents
  - Seattle Central

**Upcoming Presentations**

- August 14<sup>th</sup> - Five City Commissions Focus Group: Women's, LGBTQ, People with DisAbilities, Human Rights, and Immigrant and Refugee
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Horizon House Resident's Council