

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Magnolia Farmers Market
Date: August 20, 2005 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Blaine School
Team Members: Sarah Brandt

Overview

Sarah Brandt staffed a small table at the Farmers Market with the traveling display, aerial photo, and handouts introducing the Rehabilitation Alternative and revised schedule. Between 40 and 50 people stopped by to review the alternatives and ask questions. Eight citizens signed up to be added to the project mailing list. Similar feedback received during the July Farmers Market, several people asked about how SDOT is integrating their planning with the Port and encouraged the City to ensure that development of the bridge and North Bay compliment each other. Many citizens said they appreciated the update and the team's efforts to keep them well informed.

Questions/Comments

- Several citizens favored Alternative A as the best choice.
- Several citizens disliked Alternative C because it is too circuitous and would take too long to travel once North Bay is developed.
- Two citizens supported Alternative C because it integrated well with future development.
- Several citizens were curious about how the project was integrating with the Port's North Bay planning process. Many noted that they'd recently received a newsletter from the Port, and were sometimes confused about the distinction between the two projects. A few believed the Port was advocating for Alternative C in the newsletter.
[Upon review of the newsletter, it appears that a surface route similar to C is hinted at in the drawings, as well as an Armory crossing from 15th to the North Bay property.]
- Many advocated for (and were happy to see addressed) improved access from Magnolia to the Elliott Bay Marina.
- Some were curious about the reasons for considering a design like Alternative D.
- One citizen heard that Mayor Greg Nickels has prioritized funding the two-way Mercer project over the Magnolia Bridge Project, and asked for clarification at the next DAG meeting.