

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Teri Tibbett	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association Chair
Karen Larson	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association Co-Chair
Peter Peel	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
Nichole Lynch & Richard Arnosky	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
Diane & Paul DeSloover	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
April	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
Jessica Spurrier	Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
Steve Noble, Project Manager	DOWL
Nina Keller, Assistant Project Manager	DOWL
Morgan McCammon, Public Involvement	DOWL

Summary

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association (BBNA) invited DOWL to give a presentation on the Juneau Douglas North Crossing Planning and Environmental (PEL) Study and discuss how residents could get involved. The BBNA extended the invitation, allowing study team members to remain after the presentation to hear the preliminary results of a survey requesting BBNA members input on a north crossing.

Following BBNA member introductions, Teri Tibbett invited the DOWL team to introduce themselves. Steve Noble presented an update on the PEL study schedule, status, alternative crossing ideas heard so far, and opportunities for public involvement throughout the study. Following the presentation, BBNA members asked questions and made comments.

Discussion

Karen Larson asked if the crossing ideas had names. She was particularly interested in the two crossings that would terminate on Douglas Island in the neighborhood: pink and blue. The team responded that these options were considered - the Hatchery and Salmon Creek or Hospital options. Steve reminded the group that these are not preliminary alternatives, rather ideas heard from various agencies, public, and previous studies. He shared that these ideas were being evaluated to combine those that could be considered and eliminate those that are obviously infeasible. The goal is to present the seven or eight preliminary alternatives at the

December 12, Open House No. 2. Input and feedback from the public and Advisory Committees would be incorporated to further refine the preliminary alternatives to three to five. The ultimate decision on which alternatives move forward into a future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process may not be made at the PEL study phase.

Richard Arnosky suggested the team consider a pedestrian and bike path only crossing, rather than allowing vehicles. Steve shared the purpose and need for a north crossing outline a need for redundant access, especially for emergency services. Non-motorized facilities are a common theme in comments received and would be included in alternatives recommended by the PEL study.

Paul DeSloover commented that any crossing between Downtown and Salmon Creek would not be useful for redundant access in the event of the dam bursting. Steve noted this comment and shared that the team is drafting an Origin-Destination Study to evaluate the effectiveness of various crossing locations.

BBNA Membership Survey

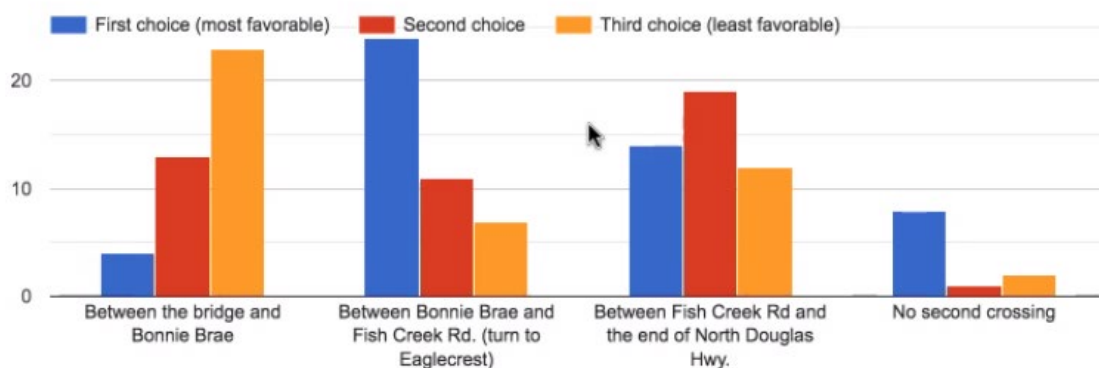
Jessica Spurrier presented the preliminary results of the BBNA survey inviting members to share their thoughts on a north crossing. The results will be compiled and shared with the PEL study team in early November. The following is a summary of the preliminary results:

The survey gathered 49 responses as of October 26, 2022.

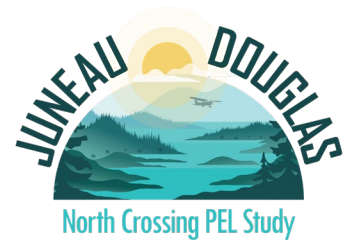
Do you favor a second Gastineau Channel crossing?

- Yes – 75.5%
- No – 20.4%
- Other – 4.1%

Please rank these possible areas in the order of how favorably you view them for a potential second channel crossing with the first choice being the most favorable and the 3rd choice being the least favorable



Seventeen respondents provided additional comments.



Wrap Up/Action Items

Following the survey presentation on preliminary results, the DOWL team members thanked the BBNA for allowing time to present and exited the meeting.

Project team:

- Include presented survey results in comments, expected early November.