



First earthquake-resilient bridge needed in downtown Portland.  
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We need to be ready for a major earthquake to strike at any time

Portland’s aging downtown bridges are not expected to withstand a major earthquake. That is why Multnomah County is taking the lead on making at least one bridge ready to withstand the looming Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake. Located in the heart of downtown Portland, along a designated emergency route, the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge will play a critical role in disaster response and regional economic recovery.



Image depicting what would happen to the Burnside Bridge during a magnitude 8+ earthquake.

County leads the funding effort to complete this nationally significant bridge project

Multnomah County has successfully identified funding for the pre-construction phase for this regional lifeline bridge. The county is actively seeking funding sources and funding partners for the construction phase in order to build a resilient Burnside crossing.

Looking for \$500M-\$600M to close the funding gap

2016-18	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Feasibility Study											
Environmental Review											
Design											
Construction											
FUNDING STATUS											
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NEED FUNDING											

Oregon is located in the Cascadia Subduction Zone, experts say there is a **1 in 3 chance** of a magnitude 8+ earthquake occurring within 50 years in our region.

**SEISMIC RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY** - Support disaster relief and emergency response to reunite families and accelerate economic recovery

**Burnside is a regional lifeline route**

**SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES** - Many social service providers that provide safety net services to County residents across the region are located adjacent to the bridge. A resilient Burnside Bridge will preserve access to these services when they are needed most.

**SAFER MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS** – Provides a streetcar-ready facility that is safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities to better achieve Vision Zero (PBOT) and Climate Action Plan (MultCo/Portland) goals

**EQUITABLE ECONOMIC STIMULUS** – Bringing 4,000 job-years of employment to the region with aspirational goals for construction jobs, apprenticeships and contracting opportunities for women and people of color.



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*Concept rendering of a future Burnside Bridge with the cable-supported option. A tied-arch option is also under consideration.*

## Broad Community Engagement and Support



In 2020, **6,000+ survey participants** weighed in with 88% support for the recommended Preferred Alternative (the Replacement Long Span Bridge)



**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:** intentional engagement with underserved groups including low income, people with disabilities, Black / African American, Native American, Latinx, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Japanese, Russian/Ukrainian and Vietnamese communities



Over **150 briefings** with community organizations



**Stakeholders routinely ask:** Can you go faster? We need an earthquake-ready bridge now!



## More information

Help shape the future of the Burnside Bridge and visit [BurnsideBridge.org](https://BurnsideBridge.org) for more information.

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