



Task Force Alternative Review and Discussion Process

TO: Salem River Crossing Project Task Force
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At your last meeting, the project team presented detailed information about the relative performance of the thirteen project alternatives. The goal of your next meeting on October 24 is to use this technical information and your knowledge about the community to begin to develop a recommendation about which of the thirteen alternatives should be carried forward into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). You will not be asked to make a final recommendation until December, after the public open houses.

Wednesday will be your first opportunity to discuss your preferences and your perspectives on the strengths and weaknesses of each alternative. The outcome of this discussion will be up to you. The preliminary conclusions you arrive at will be shared with the Oversight Team at their October 26 meeting and the public at the November open houses.

After project staff responds to information requests from your last meeting, we will ask you, individually, to indicate which four alternatives you like best. We will then discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each alternative. Finally, if the group is ready, we will discuss a preliminary recommendation about which alternatives should be carried forward or, in the alternative, a preliminary recommendation on which alternatives should be eliminated from further consideration.

To prepare for this discussion, we would like you to start thinking about your preferences and the strengths and weaknesses of each alternative. We have attached a worksheet where you can record your preliminary impressions of each alternative based on the technical evaluation or other factors. We will not collect this worksheet, but it is intended to give you a framework to record your ideas before you come into the meeting. We recognize that your views may change during the course of the discussion.

We hope that this framework will help the Task Force have a productive discussion on Wednesday. Please contact Tim (503-872-4495) with questions or concerns.

Purple alternative

Begins at the Salem Parkway on the east, extends south to Tryon Avenue, and connects to Wallace Road and Brush College Road on the west. Most of this bridge would need to be elevated, because it crosses over the floodplain and floodway. This concept does not have a direct connection to Highway 22. This concept does include significant system improvements including to the existing bridges and Highway 22.

Strengths	Weaknesses

Orange and Orange + Red alternatives

Begins at Salem Parkway on the east, extends south to Tryon Avenue, and connects to Wallace Road and Hope Avenue on the west. This bridge would need to be elevated for most of its length, because it crosses over the floodplain and floodway. Two variations were advanced for further study. The Orange + Red alternative includes a direct connection to Highway 22. The Orange Alternative includes significant system improvements including to the existing bridges and Highway 22.

Orange Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Orange + Red alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Pink and Pink + Red alternatives

Begins at Pine and Hickory Streets on the east, extends slightly south to cross the river, then connects to Wallace Road and Hope Avenue on the west. Two variations were advanced for further study. The Pink + Red alternative includes a direct connection to Highway 22. The Pink Alternative includes significant system improvements including to the existing bridges and Highway 22.

Pink Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Pink + Red Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

White, White + Red, and White + Red light alternatives

Begins at Salem Parkway and Pine Street on the east, crosses the river and connects to Hope Avenue and Wallace Road on the west. Three variations were advanced for further study. The White + Red alternative includes a direct connection to Highway 22. The White Alternative includes significant system improvements including to the existing bridges and Highway 22. The White + Red Light alternative includes a direct connection to Highway 22 but does not include a connection to Pine and Hickory streets.

White Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

White + Red Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

White + Red Light Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Blue + Red Alternative

Begins at Academy and River Streets on the east, extends over the river, then turns south to connect to Wallace and Orchard Heights Roads on the west. Includes direct connection to Highway 22 (Red).

Strengths	Weaknesses



Yellow and Yellow + Red alternatives

Begins at Hood and Shipping Streets on the east, crosses the river and connects to Wallace and Orchard Heights Roads on the west. Two variations were advanced for further study. The Yellow + Red alternative includes a direct connection to Highway 22. The Yellow Alternative includes significant system improvements including to the existing bridges and Highway 22.

Yellow Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Yellow + Red Alternative

Strengths	Weaknesses

Green + Red alternative

Begins at Market and Gaines Streets on the east, crosses the river and connects to Glen Creek and Wallace Roads on the west. Includes a direct connection to Highway 22 (Red).

Strengths	Weaknesses

Forest alternative

This alternative includes two new, independent bridges, one from Pine and Hickory Streets to Wallace Road at Hope Avenue (Pink alignment) and one from Market Street to Glen Creek and Wallace Roads (Green alignment). No direct connection to Highway 22 (Red) is included with this alternative. It does include significant improvements to the existing bridges and Highway 22.

Strengths	Weaknesses