

## **Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau**

**Group/Organization:** Magnolia Farmers Market  
**Date:** July 16, 2005 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Blaine School  
**Team Members:** Sarah Brandt

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### **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 55 and 65 people stopped by to review the alternatives and ask questions. Eleven citizens signed up to be added to the project mailing list. Several people asked about integration with the Port and encouraged the City to ensure that development of the bridge and Northbay compliment each other. Many citizens said they appreciated the update and the team's efforts to keep them well informed.

### **Questions/Comments**

- What will happen to bus routes? Large, articulated buses drive through Magnolia and shake house foundations (where the bridge meets the bluff, near Viewmont).
- Several people emphasized the importance of integrating bridge planning with the Port's planning work at Northbay.
- Several people liked the prospect of providing a connection to Elliott Marina from Magnolia.
- Several people did not like Alternatives C or D because they were too circuitous, and strongly supported Alternative A.
- One gentleman supported C or D because they offered great potential to integrate with a nicely designed Northbay area.
- One citizen reported that the Port was advocating a northern "H-like" connection at Northbay, and asked about the implications of this possibility.
- Several people encouraged including safe bike lanes on the bridge. Riding a bike on the current bridge is terrifying and unsafe. One cyclist thought Alternative C would be a good option for cyclists.
- One couple encouraged improving the pedestrian pathway across the bridge.
- A few people encouraged making a decision and getting on with design work.