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Subject: Friday's Environmental Group Meeting

I saw Rob Johnson today and asked him about the topics the environmental groups were most interested in covering on Friday. You may already know this, but just in case not...

1. Environmental process -- what is it, what is the scoping process that we're in today, what's going to be included in the EIS? Sounds like there is some interest in including I-5 as part of the "systems solution."
2. Timing and funding -- what is the commitment to fully fund all parts of the hybrid alternative; right now it appears the only thing with committed funding is the bored tunnel. The multi-modal aspects of the alternative (including the central waterfront) appears to be the last thing to happen.
3. Safety -- how is the commitment to take down the viaduct in 2012 being addressed? This also relates to the timing issue -- with a potential delay in taking down the viaduct, they also see a delay in improving the waterfront for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Rob won't be there (attending the U-Link groundbreaking). Hope this is helpful -- let me know if you need any help getting ready for it.

Thanks
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