

Broadway - Fwd: Today's Op-Ed regarding Broadway

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The article is online at:

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>>> On 6/14/2013 at 12:23 PM, Jennifer Burdick wrote:

Good morning, Dr. Garcia -

I read your well-stated op-ed today. I personally appreciate the positive manner in which the article was oriented. Such an approach, as opposed to derogatory or meanly adversarial - which you and the Coalition have not been, allows us to stay focused on finding solutions. I value that, and think it will lead us to productive, respectful conversations and, my aim and hope, a great project in the end.

I saw one thing that I felt was important to connect with you on: the September public meeting will not *bring* 2-3 semifinal design options to the public meeting; however, it will help with the narrowing of the design options that will occur *after* the September meeting. Currently, we have 10 design concepts, within 4 "families" (4-lane, 4-lane plus 2 transit, 6-lane, and 6-lane plus 2 transit). It has always been - and remains - our intention that those are what will be presented to the public. The narrowing of design options to a smaller number will occur after the public meeting, and I have not put a number to options that will be selected except to share that more than 4 would give me cause for concern in relation to project cost and delays.

Your assumption of bringing 2-3 options to the September meeting leads me to believe that the Broadway Coalition is expecting the CTF to make a decision on 2-3 options *before* the September meeting, OR that stakeholder agencies will be asked to do so. I could be misunderstanding or overthinking your comment. But if I am correct, I believe this assumption puts more pressure on this stage of our project - or, more specifically on the expected outcomes of our next June, July, and September meetings - than is anticipated.

The project team plans to discuss all of this in more detail with the CTF at next week's meeting. I understand you will be there, as well, and I hope it will be useful and perhaps less concerning. I felt that it was important to communicate this information with you immediately. If I have misunderstood the assumption I read, please let me know. I didn't want there to be a chance that this misunderstanding exists and not proactively address it.

Respectfully,
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