

**Date:** May 22, 2009

**To:** Willamette River Bridge Advisory Committee

**From:** Neil McFarlane, Executive Director, TriMet Capital Projects

**Subject:** Recommendation for the Willamette River Bridge Architect

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The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project Source Evaluation Committee (SEC) recently completed a thorough selection process for a lead architect on the Willamette River Bridge. I am pleased to announce Donald MacDonald, FAIA, of MacDonald Architects, as the committee's choice.

While we continue to work on contract details, Mr. MacDonald will be at the WRBAC meeting next week to introduce himself and show some of his past work. Please see his attached resume for details regarding his seasoned experience with bridge design.

The SEC consisted of representatives from the WRBAC, the City of Portland and TriMet. The recommendation MacDonald Architects was arrived at by committee consensus, with no significant difference in opinion.

During the bridge type consideration and selection process, architect Miguel Rosales advised the WRBAC on bridge types appropriate for the project's Willamette River crossing. In the upcoming phase, MacDonald Architects will work with TriMet and HNTB to advance the project through preliminary engineering once the bridge type is finalized.

Mr. MacDonald has more than 40 years of architecture experience, including designing a number of signature bridges. He will be a great asset to us as we consider the final two world-class bridge types—cabled-stayed/suspension hybrid and the refined cabled-stayed.

I want to thank the SEC for its recommendation. We all look forward to a great team working together to design and build a great bridge for the region.