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FEBRUARY 20 & 22, 2007

BOARD MEETINGS

FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pg 2	9:00 a.m. Tuesday Executive Session
Pg 2	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Columbia River Crossing Taskforce Briefing on I-5 Bridge Options
Pg 3	9:30 a.m. Thursday Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters
Pg 4	9:55 a.m. Thursday Resolution Approving East County Justice Facility Project Plan that Creates a Capital Project; Directing Facilities to Proceed with Site Acquisition, Negotiation of an Agreement with City of Gresham, and Implementation of Design and Construction Process
Pg 5	10:15 a.m. Thursday Opportunity for Board Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

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Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - 9:00 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Only Representatives of the News Media and Designated Staff are allowed to attend. News Media and All Other Attendees are Specifically Directed Not to Disclose Information that is the Subject of the Session. No Final Decision will be made in the Session. Presented by County Attorney Agnes Sowle. 15-30 MINUTES REQUESTED.
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Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

BOARD BRIEFING

- B-1 Briefing on Columbia River Crossing Taskforce Vote on I-5 Bridge Replacement Options and Request for Policy Direction. Presented by Jeff Cogen, Serena Cruz Walsh, Multnomah County Staff and Columbia River Crossing Staff. 45 MINUTES REQUESTED.
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Thursday, February 22, 2007 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR - 9:30 AM **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- C-1 Amendment 3 to Intergovernmental Expenditure Agreement 0405017 with the City of Gresham for Management of Urban Area Security Initiative Fiscal Year 2006 Grant Funds

C-2 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to
THOMAS G. PETERSHAGEN

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - 9:30 AM

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - 9:30 AM

R-1 Briefing on Health Department Use of the National Public Health Symbol. Presented by Lillian Shirley. 15 MINUTES REQUESTED.

R-2 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation under the Healthy Eating Research Program Round 2

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE - 9:45 AM

R-3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for Continuation Funding for Reclaiming Futures

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES - 9:50 AM

R-4 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Temporary Closure of a Portion of Corbett Hill Road to Conduct the Corbett Hill Viaduct Replacement Project from March 1, 2007 until June 15, 2007

NON-DEPARTMENTAL - 9:55 AM

R-5 First Reading of Proposed ORDINANCE Amending Multnomah County Code Sections 7.104 and 7.201 Relating to Litigation Authority

R-6 RESOLUTION Relating to Delegation of Authority to Make Expenditures from the Risk Management Fund, Settle Claims Against the County, and Settle and Initiate County Litigation, and Repealing Resolution 03-171

R-7 RESOLUTION Approving the East County Justice Facility Project Plan that Creates a Capital Project and Directing Facilities to Proceed with Site Acquisition, Negotiation of an Agreement with the City of Gresham, and Implementation of the Design and Construction Process

BOARD COMMENT - 10:15 AM

R-8 Opportunity (as time allows) for Commissioners to provide informational comments to Board and public on non-agenda items of interest or to discuss legislative issues.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Jeff Cogen
Commissioner Lisa Naito
Commissioner Lonnie Roberts
Clerk of the Board Deb Bogstad

FROM: April Fernandes - Staff Assistant to Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey

DATE: January 4, 2007

RE: February 20, 2007 Board Briefing excuse

Commissioner Rojo de Steffey will be unable to attend the if needed Executive Session and/or Board Briefing on February 20, 2007.



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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LISA NAITO • DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey
Commissioner Jeff Cogen
Commissioner Lonnie Roberts
Board Clerk Deb Bogstad
Karyne Dargan

FROM: Matthew Lieuallen
Staff to Commissioner Lisa Naito

DATE: February 20, 2007

RE: Commissioner Naito will be unable to attend the February 20, 2007 Executive Session and Board Briefing

Commissioner Naito will be unable to attend the February 20, 2007 Executive Session and Board Briefing.

Thank you,
Matthew Lieuallen



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 02/20/07
Agenda Item #: E-1
Est. Start Time: 9:00 AM
Date Submitted: 02/13/07

Agenda Title: Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: February 20, 2007 Amount of Time Needed: 15-30 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental Division: County Attorney
Contact(s): Agnes Sowle
Phone: 503 988-3138 Ext. 83138 I/O Address: 503/500
Presenter(s): Agnes Sowle and Invited Others

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No final decision will be made in the Executive Session.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

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3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

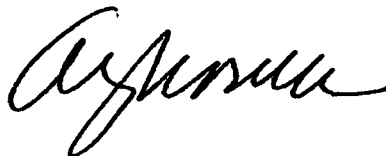
4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

ORS 192.660(2)(d)(e) and/or (h)

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

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Date: 02/13/07



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 02/20/07
Agenda Item #: B-1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 AM
Date Submitted: 02/14/07

Agenda Title: Briefing on Columbia River Crossing Taskforce Vote on I-5 Bridge Replacement Options and Request for Policy Direction

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: 2/20/2007 Amount of Time Needed: 45 mins
Department: Non-Departmental Division: Commission District 2
Contact(s): Marissa Madrigal
Phone: 503-988-5239 Ext. 85239 I/O Address: 501/600/Cogen
Presenter(s): Jeff Cogen, Serena Cruz Walsh, Multnomah County Staff, Columbia River Crossing Staff

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

On February 27th, the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Taskforce will vote to pick one of three Interstate 5 bridge replacement design options (Influence Area alternatives). Serena Cruz Walsh is Multnomah County's representative on the CRC Taskforce. She has requested a briefing before the Board to update it on the progress of the Taskforce and to seek policy direction on the proposed options.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In 2005, the Columbia River Crossing Taskforce was assembled to develop the criteria and performance measures to be used to evaluate the I-5 Bridge Influence Area alternatives. The CRC Taskforce has considered crossing infrastructure, multimodal transportation, connectivity, high capacity transit land use, funding, community and business interests, under-represented, low income and minority communities, commuter and freight mobility, maritime mobility and the environment. At the end of 2006, Columbia River Crossing staff presented the taskforce with three design options for consideration. The taskforce is being asked to approve a design concept, so that in-depth

environmental and neighborhood impact studies can be completed.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no fiscal impact to Multnomah County as a result of its participation on the CRC Taskforce. The CRC Taskforce is an advisory committee.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

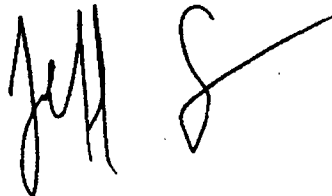
The I-5 bridge corridor is a vital transportation link between Oregon and Washington State that impacts the statewide economy and Multnomah County's quality of life.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Columbia River Crossing Taskforce meetings are open to the public. More information is available at [www. Columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.Columbiarivercrossing.org)

Required Signature

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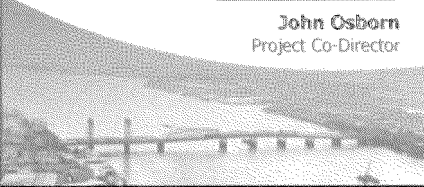
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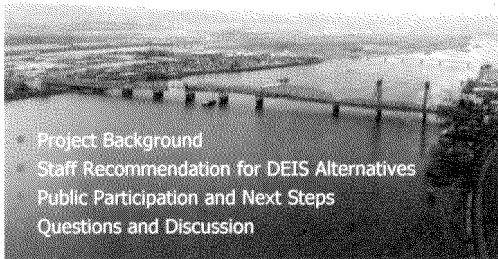
An I-5 Bridge, Transit, and Highway Improvement Project

Multnomah County Commission
February 26, 2007

John Osborn
Project Co-Director



Overview



- Project Background
- Staff Recommendation for DEIS Alternatives
- Public Participation and Next Steps
- Questions and Discussion

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Project Background




Background

What is the Columbia River Crossing project?

A bridge, transit, and highway project aimed at improving travel efficiency and safety on I-5 for...

- Cars
- Trucks
- Public transit
- Bicycles and pedestrians


- Inclusive, collaborative process
- Financially feasible solution
- Strengthen the regional economy
- Enhance community livability




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Background

Leading this Project









Oregon Department of Transportation



Washington State Department of Transportation

Project Partners

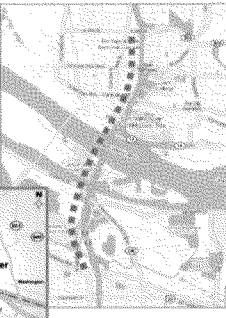
-  City of Vancouver
-  City of Portland
-  Metro
-  Regional Transportation Council
-  C-TRAN
-  TriMet

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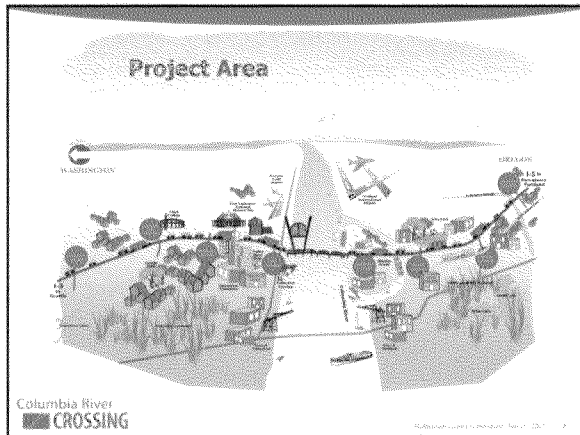
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I-5 Bridge Influence Area

- Five mile stretch
- State Route 500 in WA to Columbia Blvd. in OR
- Connects with 4 state highways and 5 major arterial roadways
- Provides access to a variety of land uses



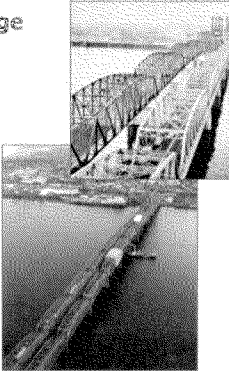
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Background

I-5 Columbia River Bridge

- 2 side-by-side bridges
- Northbound built in 1917, southbound built in 1958
- 3 lanes each direction
- Current traffic volumes = 135,000 vehicles/day
- Transit across bridge = 3,475 riders/day
- No bridge lifts weekdays, 6:30-9am, 2:30-6pm

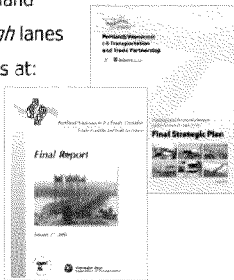


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Background

Recommendations from I-5 Partnership Study

- Provide for high capacity public transit between Clark County and Portland
- Do not widen I-5 to four *through* lanes
- Instead, address I-5 bottlenecks at:
 - 99th Street to I-205 in Clark County
 - Delta Park to Lombard in Portland
 - Columbia River Crossing and related interchanges (SR-500 to Columbia Boulevard)



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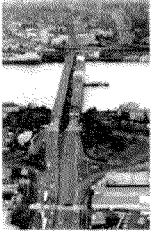
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I-5 Partnership Recommendations Reflected in Local and Regional Plans

- Adopted by all participating agencies
- Embedded in Regional Transportation Plans of Metro and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
- Incorporated into Comprehensive Plans of Portland and Vancouver

Foundation for CRC project

- Vision and Values
- Problem Definition
- Purpose and Need Statement
- Evaluation Criteria









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Background: CRC, November 2007, p. 127

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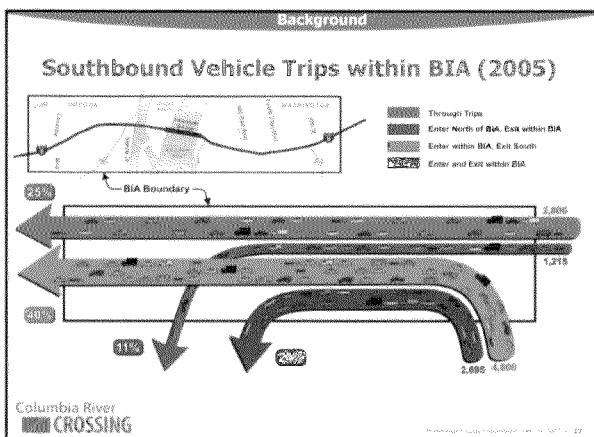
Project Addresses a Range of Needs


Congestion
 
Transit
 
Freight
 
Safety
 
Bicycles and Pedestrians
 
Seismic Safety

- **Congestion**
Travel demand exceeds capacity
- **Transit**
Service is limited by congestion
- **Freight**
Mobility to/from and through the area is impaired
- **Safety**
Crash rates are too high
- **Bicycles and pedestrians**
Facilities and connections are inadequate
- **Seismic**
Bridges don't meet current standards for earthquake safety

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Background

Accomplishments to Date

1 Identify problems • Set the Vision • Establish Evaluation Criteria
2 Identify range of potential solutions
3 Screen ideas based on evaluation criteria • Narrow solutions
4 Combine ideas into packages • Test their performance
5 Select alternatives to be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

We Are Here

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Background

Narrowing Process

From 23 ideas
to 4 ideas

From 14 ideas
to 5 ideas

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Washington County Transportation Plan 2017 14

Background

Four River Crossing Ideas Recently Considered


1. Replacement Bridge Downstream
2. Replacement Bridge Upstream
3. Supplemental Bridge Downstream
4. Supplemental Arterial Bridge Downstream
(for local traffic and light rail, with I-5 improvements)

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**Five Transit Ideas
Recently Considered**




1, 2 Express Bus




3 Light Rail Transit





4, 5 Bus Rapid Transit

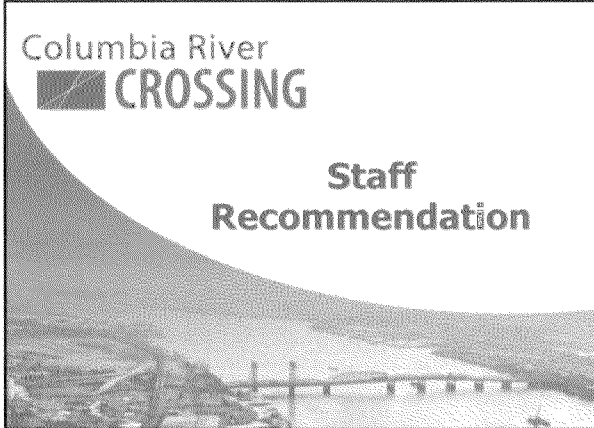


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**Staff
Recommendation**



Staff Recommendation

**Staff Recommendation
on Options to Carry Forward into
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)**

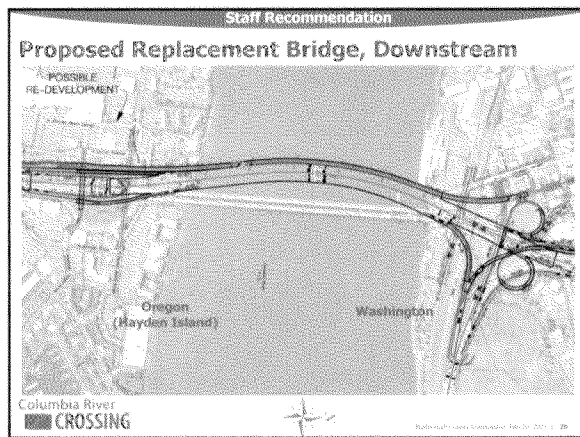
- **No Action.** This alternative is required for any DEIS process as a baseline for comparison with other alternatives.
- **Replacement Bridge and Bus Rapid Transit** with complementary Express Bus service.
- **Replacement Bridge and Light Rail Transit** with complementary Express Bus service.

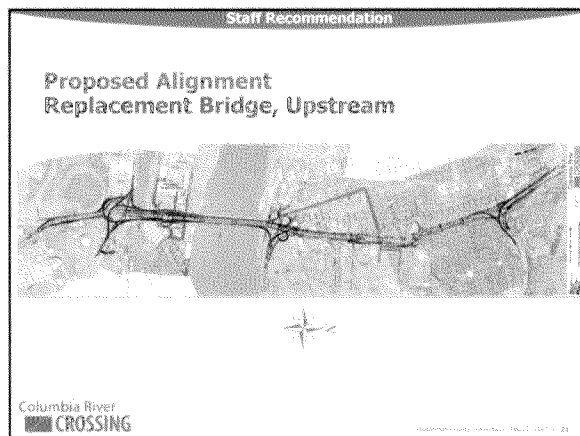



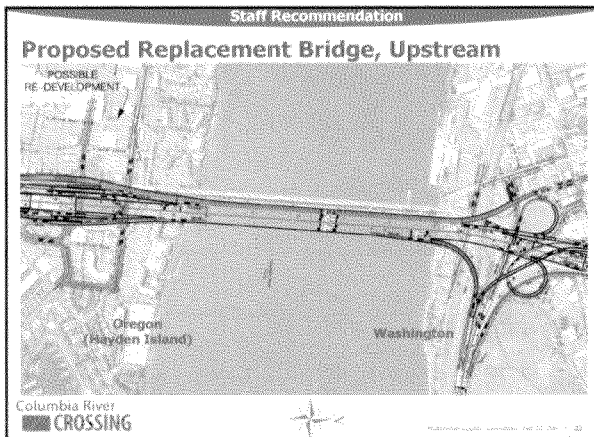
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Staff Recommendation

Recommendations

TRANSIT

High-Capacity Transit Mode + Express Bus

- DEIS Alternative # 1
 - Bus Rapid Transit with complementary express bus service.
- DEIS Alternative # 2
 - Light Rail Transit with complementary express bus service.

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Staff Recommendation

The Case for a New I-5 Bridge

- Performance criteria
 - What we learned
- Existing bridges
 - Concerns with keeping them

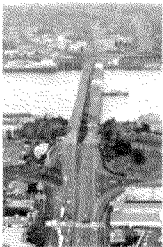
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Staff Recommendation

The Case for a New I-5 Bridge

- **New arterial / transit bridge**
 - Why it won't work
- **Replacement bridge**
 - Meets Purpose and Need of project

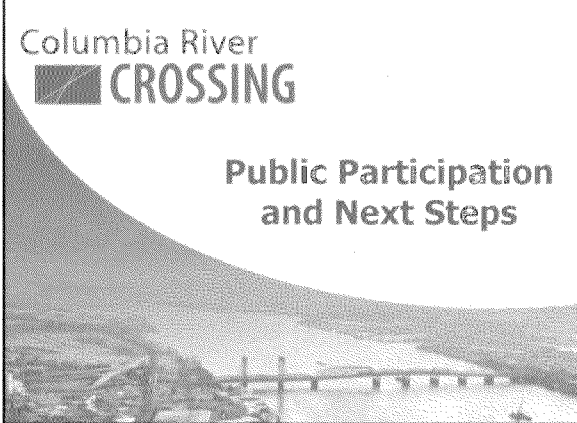


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Public Participation and Next Steps



Public Participation

Public Participation

- Bi-State Task Force
- Community and Environmental Justice Group
- Discussions with neighborhood, business and community groups
- Web site, newsletter and postcard mailings, monthly email updates
- Since March 2006, we've talked in person with over 5,000 people.
- Open houses at key decision points

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Public Participation

Public Discussion Open Houses, 2007


January 20, Vancouver
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 NW Daniels St.

January 25, Portland
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Oregon Assn. of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME)
4134 N. Vancouver Ave. (at Skidmore)

January 30, Portland, Hayden Island
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
12050 N. Jantzen Dr. (across from Safeway)

February 5, Vancouver / Clark County
4:30 - 7:30 pm
WSDOT SW Region Headquarters

Task Force Meeting
February 27, Portland
ODOT, 123 NW Flanders St.
4:00pm
Public comment period:
4:30-5:30pm



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Next Steps

Next Steps Task Force Meetings November 2006 - December 2007

November 29: Draft staff recommendation for DEIS alternatives (bridge and transit).

January 23: Discussion on Staff Recommendation; economic importance of corridor.

February 27: Review public comments on staff recommendation. Task Force final recommendation for DEIS alternatives (bridge and transit).

March-December 2007: Refinement discussions on alternatives (interchange options, transit alignment options, etc.)


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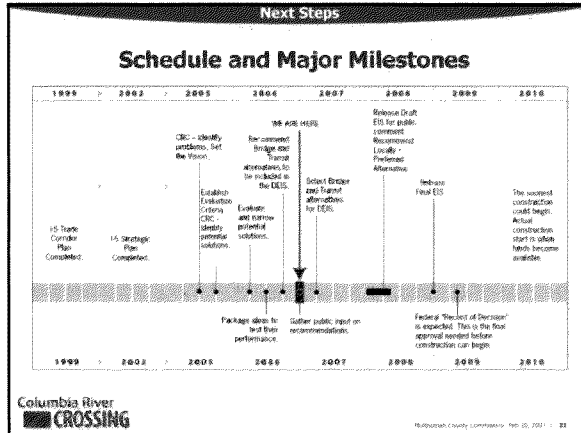
Issues/Opportunities to be Addressed in DEIS

- Public transit - route, stations, park 'n' ride locations
- Freight improvements - at interchanges for connections and safety
- Efficiencies - ideas like ramp meters, incident response, ridesharing and telecommuting
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Air quality and noise reduction
- Environmental effects - water quality issues
- Cultural and historical resource protection
- HOV lanes
- Tolling
- Bridge type, appearance, and alignment (upstream or downstream)



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