

What's the next step?

The ideas that receive a “yes” will be combined into packages with freight solutions, highway safety improvements, bicycle and pedestrian uses, and transportation demand management strategies. They will be evaluated to determine how they:

- Contribute to community livability
- Reduce congestion
- Assist the economy and move freight
- Offer transit, bicycle and/or pedestrian access
- Improve safety
- Protect or enhance natural resources
- Balance benefits and impacts and cost
- Work within existing land use goals
- Can feasibly be constructed

We will come back to you in the Summer for your input about these packages, and which ones we should look at in greater detail for consideration in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



I-5 in the Community

What issues interest you? What questions do you have?



Neighborhood Connections



Fish and Wildlife



Air Quality



The Columbia River



Biking and Walking



Local History and Culture



Noise

We Heard You!

- We received over 1000 comments in letters, emails, web-based surveys, questionnaires, phone calls, and public discussions.
- We held three open houses in October 2005, in Portland and Vancouver.
- We held monthly bi-state Columbia River Crossing Task Force meetings.
- We talked with neighborhood and business groups, individuals, civic groups, and community organizations.



Traffic back up is the main problem. I work in downtown Vancouver (Broadway and 6th St.) and when the bridge traffic is backed up in the morning, I am totally unable to access the parking lot to my building.... So even though I don't commute over the bridge, I am directly and frustratingly impacted by back up that results from the commute.

It seems to me that all too often when crossing the bridge there are many motorists that hit the brakes really fast causing accidents.... Often just getting through the bridge safely feels like an accomplishment.

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I live on Marine Drive at exit 307 but FREQUENTLY need to get to Jantzen Beach exit or City Center Vancouver and it can be an impossible wait. Almost an hour at times to go a couple of miles.

Something must be done, and soon. I am a semi-retired person and professional driver whose interest in whatever solutions you come up with is paramount, because I am on these roads every day.

Some days my speedometer never exceeds zero miles per hour from the Marquam Bridge to the Interstate Bridge.... The constant sitting in traffic has taken three miles per gallon off my previous average on a tank of gas. Sitting in traffic wastes gas and pollutes the air with burned fuel with no miles travelled to show for it.

The congestion is retarding Vancouver's growth. If traffic moves faster, Vancouver and Washington will be more open to commerce from Oregon.

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I live in a condo in downtown Vancouver and take highway 14 to work. I often have difficulty getting onto SR14 because the traffic downtown is plugged up with people trying to get on I-5.

Trucks and personal autos are sitting in traffic far too long. This increases business costs, which are passed on to all of us. Commuters are sitting in traffic when they could be home with their families. Congestion impacts their quality of life. We need to make highway investments to move this traffic more quickly.

At one point I worked at an afterschool program at a Vancouver high school & had to be on the road no later than 4 p.m. or I would miss the class altogether. That was seven years ago. This project needs to be on the FRONT burner.

Traffic congestion is horrible and riding a bike across the bridge is a little scary, along with suffocating from the car fumes.

My main concern is getting home at night and leaving the Island in the morning because there is only one route onto the Island. We are literally stuck there if traffic is bad.

It is very unfortunate that you feel you must leave Portland by 3:30-4pm if using I-5 in order to get back to Vancouver prior to 6pm, especially if you have children in daycare. There isn't a single person I know that would use the I-5 bridge if there was another solution that wouldn't add more time to your drive.

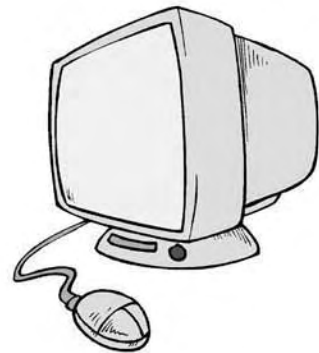
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Community Events October 2005

We want to hear from you!

Contact us with your questions and ideas.



Email: feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org

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How we will use your input

Your comments will be compiled and forwarded to the Task Force and Project Team. They will be considered by the Task Force as it makes its recommendations at the April 26 meeting.

How can you comment?

- Fill out a comment form and leave it in a comment box.
- Talk to the court reporter who will type it into the record.
- Send us an email to feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org

Want to stay informed?

Be sure to sign up on our email list at the welcome table.

Task Force

The 39-member bi-state Task Force brings together leaders from a broad cross section of the Washington and Oregon communities interested in the project.

- **Neighborhoods and Communities**
- **Commuters**
- **Freight**
- **Public Agencies**
- **Businesses**
- **Civic organizations**
- **Environmental Groups**

