

Columbia River CROSSING

Meeting Summary
Columbia River Crossing Task Force
September 12, 2005
4–6:30 p.m.
OAME, Main Conference Room
4134 North Vancouver, Portland, Oregon

Members Present:

Sam Adams, City of Portland
Charles Becker, City of Gresham
Rex Burkholder, Metro
Bob Byrd, Identity Clark County
Lora Caine, Friends of Clark County
Serena Cruz, Multnomah County
Hal Dengerink, Washington State
University Vancouver (Task Force Co-chair)
Dave Frei, Arnada Neighborhood
Association
Lynne Griffith, C-TRAN
Jerry Grossnickle, Columbia River Tugboat
Association
Brad Halverson, Overlook Neighborhood
Association
Henry Hewitt, Stoel Rives (Task Force Co-
chair)
Monica Isbell, Portland Business Alliance
Ed Lynch, Vancouver National Historic
Reserve Trust
Dick Malin, Central Park Neighborhood
Association

Wally Mehrens, Columbia Pacific Building
Trades
Larry Paulson, Port of Vancouver, USA
Bart Phillips, Columbia River Economic
Development Council
Janet Ray, Washington AAA
Art Schaff, Washington State Trucking
Association
Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic
Alliance
Karen Schmidt, Washington Freight
Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Steve Stuart, Clark County
Jeri Sundvall, Environmental Justice Action
Group
Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood
Association
Scot Walstra, Greater Vancouver Chamber
of Commerce
Tom Zelenka, Oregon Freight Advisory
Committee

Member Substitutes Present:

Scott Champan for Jill Fuglister, Coalition
for a Livable Future

Susie Lahsene for Bill Wyatt, Port of
Portland
Alan Lehto for Fred Hansen, TriMet

Absent Members:

Dr. Wayne Branch, Clark College
Rich Brown, Bank of America
Elliot Eki, Oregon/Idaho AAA
Jill Fuglister, Coalition for a Livable Future
Fred Hansen, TriMet
Eric Holmes, City of Battle Ground

Dean Lookingbill, Regional Transportation
Council
Mark McCloud, Greater Vancouver
Chamber of Commerce
Royce Pollard, City of Vancouver
Bob Russel, Oregon Trucking Association
Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland

Project Team Members Present:

Katy Brooks, The JD White Company, Inc.
(JDW)
Rob DeGraff, Oregon Department of
Transportation (ODOT)
Amy Echols, Washington State Department
of Transportation (WSDOT)
Doug Ficco, WSDOT
Matt Garrett, ODOT

Nanci Luna-Jimenez, Nanci Luna-Jimenez
Seminars
Jay Lyman, DEA
Tom Markgraf, Tom Markgraf & Associates
David Parisi, Parisi Associates
Marcy Schwartz, CH2M Hill
Kris Strickler, WSDOT
Don Wagner, WSDOT

I. Meeting Minutes

Henry Hewitt, Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Task Force Co-chair, requested the adoption of the February 3 and May 4, 2005, meeting minutes.

Action: Meeting minutes were adopted after no discussion.

II. Operating Protocol

Henry introduced the Operating Protocol. Task Force members discussed potential time limits for individuals' public comments and accommodating comments at the beginning of meetings. There was also discussion regarding posting meeting videos on the CRC web site.

Action: The Operating Protocol was adopted.

III. Project Update

Jay Lyman, Consultant Team Project Manager, provided a project update on recent activities, process and schedule, decision points, and roles and responsibilities. Amy Echols, Project Communications Manager, gave an overview of the public involvement program development and upcoming October public meetings. The public meetings will include an introduction to the project and an opportunity to provide input on public issues, concerns, ideas regarding the same products under consideration by the Task Force.

Action: No action required.

IV. Vision and Values Statement

Henry introduced the Vision and Values Statement, which was discussed at length by Task Force members. Comments are summarized in Appendix A.

Action: Henry formed a Vision and Values Statement subcommittee, consisting of Co-chair Hal Dengerink, Larry Paulson, and Commissioner Serena Cruz. The subcommittee will discuss and produce a recommended version of the Vision and Values Statement for review at the October 12, 2005, Task Force meeting.

V. Project Problem Definition

David Parisi, Project Transportation Manager, gave a presentation on the project's problem definition, the function and role of the I-5 bridge influence area and an overview of general

traffic data. Task Force members posed questions concerning the vehicle trip data across the bridge, the implications of additional lanes and the number of vehicle occupants. The issue of Clark County's job/living imbalance was raised along with the origin and destination of commuters. Members also inquired about peak traffic times, division between freight and commuter traffic, addition of 99E to the I-5 bridge influence area, time restrictions on bridge lifts, trip demographics, and land use changes.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer addressed the Task Force, stating the importance of the project to the region and emphasizing his appreciation of the work of the Task Force.

Action: No action required. Discussion to be continued at the October 12, 2005, meeting.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

Henry and Rob DeGraff discussed upcoming meeting dates—October 12 and November 28, 2005.

Tentative Agendas:

October 12, 2005, 4:00–6:30 p.m., Vancouver – WSDOT Southwest Region Headquarters, 11018 NE 51st Circle

- Adoption of Vision and Values Statement
- Discussion of problem definition
- Discussion of evaluation criteria development
- Public involvement update

November 28, 2005, 4:00–6:30 p.m., Portland location TBD

- Public involvement review of Problem Statement
- Adoption of problem definition
- Adoption of evaluation criteria

VII. Public Comment

Henry Hewitt received public comment from seven citizens. Written comments are included in Appendix B.

The following people provided comments: Jim Howell, Lore Wintergreen, Jim Kurlock, W. Scott Baumhofer, Sharon Nasset, Ray Whitford, and Susan Morton. Public comments ranged from the importance of freight mobility to cost effectiveness of a new bridge.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

September 29, 2005