



Task Force Vision and Values Statement

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Purpose

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force Vision and Values Statement articulates the foundation for developing criteria and performance measures that will be used to evaluate the I-5 Bridge Influence Area alternatives. The Columbia River Crossing Project NEPA process will include consideration of: 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.

Vision

The Columbia River Crossing project will be developed through an inclusive and collaborative process that builds upon the dedicated work of the I-5 Trade and Transportation Partnership, and delivers a financially feasible solution that sustains and stimulates a healthy community by addressing its mobility and transportation needs, strengthening its economy, protecting its natural resources, and enhancing its quality of life.

Values

The Columbia River Crossing Project should reach this Vision through:

Mobility, Reliability, and Accessibility

Ensure mobility, reliability, and accessibility for all users, recognizing the requirements of local, intra-corridor, and interstate movement now and in the future.

Modal Choice

Provide attractive opportunities to use transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes for travel that includes the I-5 bridge.

Safety

Ensure safety for vehicles (trucks, autos, emergency, and transit), pedestrians, bicyclists, river users, and air traffic at the crossing.

Community Livability

Enhance community livability through:

- support of a healthy and vibrant land use mix of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, cultural, and historic areas
- consideration of air quality; aesthetic quality that achieves a regional landmark; community cohesion and avoidance of disruption; impacts of noise and light and glare; and parks and historic and cultural resources.

Freight Mobility

Support a sound regional economy by addressing the need to move freight efficiently and reliably through the I-5 Bridge Influence Area and allowing for river navigational needs.

Natural Resource Stewardship

Respect and protect natural resources including fish, fish and wildlife habitat, and water quality.

Distribution of Impacts and Benefits

Ensure the fair distribution of benefits and adverse effects of the project for the region, communities, and neighborhoods adjacent to the project area.

Cost Effectiveness

Ensure cost effectiveness in design, construction, maintenance, and operation.

Financial Feasibility

Ensure a reliable funding plan for the project.