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## COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING TASK FORCE

### CHARTER

The Columbia River Crossing Project is one of a finite list of transportation projects that have Pacific Northwest region-wide significance. It consists of a multi-modal effort to address the bottleneck in Interstate 5 where the freeway crosses the Columbia River.

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force's role will be to provide input into the Columbia River Crossing Project. Within the context created by the I-5 Strategic Plan the Task Force will: respond to and advise the joint Project Team on technical data and its policy implications leading to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); provide advice to the Joint Commission Subcommittee throughout the EIS until the issuance of the Record of Decision; and represent and report back to their representative organizations.

### COMPOSITION

The composition of the I-5 Partnership was used as a foundation for the formation of this Task Force. Due to the Northwest region-wide significance of the Columbia River crossing, the Task Force membership will also include statewide representation from Oregon and Washington.

#### *Selection Process -*

The Joint Commission Subcommittee will appoint a co-chair from each state. They will seek assistance from community and business groups in the appointment of other members.

#### *Membership -*

- Co-Chairs - 2                      One representative from each state, appointed by WTC and OTC Joint Commission Subcommittee
  
- Public Agencies – 11              Agencies comprising the Bi-State Coordinating Com. and not including the DOTs
  
- Trucking Industry – 2              Oregon Trucking Association and Washington Trucking Association will be asked to appoint a member from each organization
  
- Neighborhoods – 4                Oregon delegates appointments to Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Washington delegates appointments to the City of Vancouver and Clark County
  
- Businesses – 8                      Oregon delegates appointments to the Oregon Business Council and the Portland Business Alliance, Washington delegates to the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce –2, Identity Clark County and the Columbia River Economic Development Commission
  
- Community Organizations – 4      Oregon will delegate one position appointment to the I-5

Environmental Justice Work Group and will appoint one other representative, Washington will appoint a representative from Clark College and another community organization.

- Statewide –4 Oregon will ask the Freight Advisory Committee and AAA to appoint a member, Washington will ask the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and AAA to appoint a member
- Environmental Organizations –2 Representatives will be appointed from 1000 Friends of Oregon and Friends of Clark County

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The Columbia River Crossing Task Force will provide input and response to the Joint Commission Subcommittee on work products and information generated by the EIS process.
- The Task Force co-chairs will report input to the Joint Commission Subcommittee.
- Each Task Force member is responsible for representing and communicating with their respective organization.

### **STAFFING & OPERATIONS**

- The Columbia River Crossing Task Force will be supported by the ODOT/WSDOT Project Team.
- The co-chairs will be responsible for developing methods by which the Task Force will make decisions and conduct meetings.

### **DURATION**

- The Task Force will be developed in fall 2004, with the kickoff meeting tentatively scheduled in late fall 2004.
- The Task Force will meet quarterly.
- The EIS is a multi-year process. Therefore some turnover is to be expected. Duration of tenure should provide consistency of representation for major milestones.