

Making Progress On Technical Work Products

To build a sound foundation for the EIS phase, a range of questions are being answered - which will help define the project alternatives in mid-2005. At this point, the team has prepared the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding between WSDOT & ODOT regarding CRC Project Management drafted - see Agenda Item #2
- Columbia River Crossing Task Force Charter developed - citizen oversight structure proposed - see Agenda Item #3
- TM 6.1 - Introduction to Tolling and Survey of Tolling Experience
Status: Draft circulated for review; comments received and incorporated; report now final.
- TM 8.1 - Analysis of Issues Affecting Columbia River Crossing Options caused by Federal Tolling Statutes
Status: First draft circulated for review.
- TM 8.6.1 - Analysis of State of Oregon Tolling Statutes
Status: First draft circulated for review.
- TM 4.3, on Traffic and Travel Characteristics and Trends
Status: Circulated for review and finalized.
- Working Paper 3.1 - Identification and Evaluation of Toll Models and WP3.3 - Identification and Evaluation of Toll Plaza Models
Status: Circulated for review, comment and finalized
- Working Paper 2.6 - Existing Information Data Review for Screening Alternatives and Tolling Options
Status: First draft circulated for review

Columbia River Crossing Project — Contract Cost Status 2004-2005

Contract Scope	Lead Consultant	Authorized Budget	Billed to Date
Project Management & Technical Analysis	Larkin Group	\$1,251,890	\$300,109
Traffic & Tolling	David Evans Associates	\$639,147	\$36,089
Conceptual Engineering & Environmental	Kittelson & Associates	\$213,845 ¹	—
Metro-Data	Metro	\$15,500	—
Communications & Outreach	HNTB/EnviroIssues	\$136,290	\$27,877
Freight Movement	Cambridge Systematics	\$10,300	\$8,065
		\$2,266,972	\$372,140

Funding for Pre-EIS Work	Available	Obligated ²	Remaining ³
Oregon Funds	\$3,900,591	\$3,300,000	\$600,000
Washington Funds	\$3,000,000	\$2,250,00	\$750,000

¹Phase one only (through late September); to be amended.

²Estimated to complete pre-EIS phase.

³Balance from TEA-21 extension or TEA-21 reauthorization.

Learn More About The Columbia River Crossing Project

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The Columbia River Crossing Project

Report on Project Status to Joint Commission Subcommittee

- *Where we've been*
- *Where we are now*
- *What's coming up*

The Joint Commission Subcommittee heard in May about preliminary work to kick off the Columbia River Crossing Project. Now, WSDOT and ODOT management and the joint project team will brief the Subcommittee on significant progress made since that time - in work activities, contractual milestones, and technical work products.

What's Driving This Project?

- The I-5 Interstate Bridge across the Columbia is actually two bridges side-by-side, built in 1917 and 1958. They work today, in combination with the I-205 Columbia River Bridge, but what about tomorrow?
- A world-class economy in the Vancouver/Portland region needs world-class infrastructure. Business continually cites freight and commuter congestion and safety as top regional issues.
- Two states are involved, but the issues are shared. Strong commitment exists from both sides of the river to move ahead with improvements in the Columbia River Crossing area.

Where We've Been...

2001-2002

What are the origins of the Columbia River Crossing Project? The 2001-2002 *I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership* brought together the region's interests, who developed a shared vision for the Columbia River Crossing corridor. Within the recommendations of the Partnership Task Force, multiple concepts emerged for further study. Key components - freeway, transit, finance, and environmental justice - fit within the framework of the today's joint ODOT/WSDOT Columbia River Crossing Project.

I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership Components

- Freeway
- Transit
- Finance
- Environmental Justice
- Intercity Rail
- Freight Rail
- Land Use



Where We Are...

2004-2005

Columbia River Crossing Project Technical Analysis to answer questions and add detailed technical info to support further consideration

Areas for Analysis

- Conceptual Engineering and Environmental:
 - Design requirements and technical information availability
 - Environmental issues to be addressed in scoping
 - Key engineering considerations
- Finance and Tolling:
 - Tolling options and development of assumptions for EIS
 - Financing strategies
- Traffic and Transit:
 - Travel and traffic analyses
 - Modeling assumptions and model options
 - Impacts of tolling on traffic operations
- Bi-State Regulatory Requirements:
 - Federal, state, regional, and local statutory and regulatory frameworks
 - Definition of alternatives for DEIS

What's Coming Up...

Mid-2005

- Take Into Scoping Process
 - Transit Options
 - Bridge and Highway Options
- Corridor-Wide Public Involvement

2005-2007

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Evaluate most reasonable and promising alternatives

Joint Project Team Chartered

Since the last Joint Commission Subcommittee meeting, the WSDOT/ODOT project team (Conrad, Rosenberger, Garrett, Wagner, DeGraff and Himes) has:

- Framed joint team management -- named project co-directors and co-located them.
- Agreed on how to work together -- developed ODOT/WSDOT project team MOU and draft charter for advisory task force.
- Continued to reach out as a bi-state team to regional partners, including FHWA, FTA, MPOs, Bi-State Coordination Committee, Regional Coordinating Committee, transit agencies

- Met contracting milestones to engage needed talents. Now under contract are:
 - Larkin Group, with Siegel and Underhill - Intergovernmental Coordination and Regulatory Issues, Scoping and Alternatives
 - David Evans and Associates, with Parisi and Vollmer - Traffic and Tolling
 - Kittelson Associates, with PB, CH2MHill, ROW, Howell, and JD White - Conceptual Engineering and Environmental
 - HNTB, to EnviroIssues, with JD White, Markgraf, Jeanne Lawson, and Northwest Strategies - Communications and Outreach