

What We're Hearing

The project received 43 individual emails, letters, and phone calls in August. Staff also prepared summaries of public comments gathered at CRC outreach events during the month.

Public comments in their entirety are available upon request. This summary is a snapshot in time and does not represent a scientific survey.

Source of Comments	Qty.
Emailed comments	32
US Mail/Hand-delivered letters	8
Phone conversations	3
Total comments from individuals	43
Outreach event summaries	16
Total comment sources	59

NOTE: A comment source is defined as an individual's written comments or as multiple spoken comments from a public outreach event, as summarized by staff. Because a single comment source can address multiple topics, the total number of comments (below) is greater than the number of individual comment sources (above).

Comment Category	Qty.
Process (incl. Schedule)	42
Transit (incl. Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, and Transit Safety)	40
Tolling	34
Funding & Financing (incl. Cost)	33
Bicycle and Pedestrian	18
Neighborhoods	15
Land Use and Economic Activity	13
Range of Alternatives	11
Congestion and Traffic	10

NOTE: Listed above are only those topics receiving ten or more comments.

Public Comment Themes

Comments received in August reflected a variety of themes, with comments on Process, Transit, Tolling, and Funding & Financing having the highest frequency. Although not always in this order, these have been the top four comment categories since May 2009.

Process

Comments about process covered a wide range of topics, including questions as to how outreach is occurring with the Latino community, when the Final EIS will be available, and whether the bridge toll survey would be used to optimize toll revenue.

Transit

Light rail comments were the most frequent type of transit comment, including four comments supporting light rail, five opposing light rail, and seven comments and/or questions about light rail. Four comments were received debating which alignment – 17th or McLoughlin – would be in the best interest of the Arnada neighborhood.

Tolling

Three commenters supported I-5 bridge tolls, twelve opposed them, and 16 had general comments or questions about them. Several tolling opponents cited concerns about the impact tolls could have on low-income commuters. In addition, support and opposition were expressed for tolling I-205 and for implementing electronic tolling. A Web-based tolling survey is ongoing. Early results will be available by Oct. 1.

Funding and Financing

Though funding and financing issues covered many topics, six comments were received on the importance of funding a maintenance and security program should the replacement bridge's bicycle and pedestrian facilities be located inside the bridge structure. These comments came from bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations who had been asked for bridge design recommendations.



Project information booth at Port of Ridgefield Commissioner's Picnic, August 21

Where We've Been

In August, the project team had a presence at the 19 events below. Number of people engaged is in parentheses (n/a indicates events where attendees were not counted or were counted before).

Oregon

- East Columbia Neighborhood Association barbeque as part of National Night Out (15)
- Three Hacienda Community Development Corporation National Night Out events (3)
- Hayden Island Manufactured Homes National Night Out event (35)
- Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee (30)
- Sunday Parkways: Southeast Portland (89)
- Port of Portland tolling presentation (20)
- Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee (13)
- St. John's Farmers Market (32)
- Interstate Farmers Market (41)

Washington

- Esther Short Neighborhood Association National Night Out event (24)
- Vancouver Farmers Market (91)
- Rose Village Neighborhood Association (9)
- Arnada Neighborhood Association (31)
- Port of Vancouver tolling presentation (57)
- Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee (16)
- Community Choices (10)
- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (9)
- Port of Ridgefield Commissioners' Picnic (52)
- BikeMe! Vancouver (30)

The Totals

This month:

- **607 people** engaged at **19 events**

Since October 2005:

- **20,303 outreach contacts** at **670 events**

Where We're Going

As of this writing, the CRC project team is scheduled to attend the following events in September. Event dates are in parentheses.

Oregon

- West Coast Corridor Coalition (9/3)
- Hayden Island Manufactured Homes Owners and Renters Association (9/3)

- Oregon Business Association, Transportation Committee (9/10)
- Hayden Island Neighborhood Network (9/10)
- TriMet MAX Green Line Opening Day (9/12)
- Bridgeton Neighborhood Association (9/14)
- Economic Roundtable (9/16)
- Parkrose Business Association (9/17)
- Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Land Use & Transportation Committee (9/23)
- CRC Hayden Island Light Rail Station Planning Workshop (9/30)

Washington

- Shumway Neighborhood Association (9/3)
- Vancouver Housing Authority, Resident Advisory Board (9/8)
- Arnada Neighborhood Association (9/10)
- Uptown Village Association (9/13)
- Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (9/15)
- League of United Latin American Citizens, Clark County Council (9/16)
- Washington State Good Roads and Transportation Assn. conference (9/18)
- Rose Village Neighborhood Association (9/22)
- Esther Short Neighborhood Association (9/23)

Project Advisory Group Meetings

In September, the following CRC project advisory groups will be meeting:

- Project Sponsors Council (9/4)
- Community and Environmental Justice Group (9/17)
- Urban Design Advisory Group (9/18)
- Freight Working Group (9/22)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Comm. (9/23)
- Marine Drive Stakeholder Group (9/30)

For more information, please contact the CRC office at 1-866-396-2726.