

What We're Hearing

The project received 136 individual comments in July, up from the 118 received in June and 36 in May.

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

Comment Source	Qty.
Emailed comments	89
Verbal comments from listening session on tolling held July 1	20
Comment forms from listening session on tolling held July 1	7
Other comment forms	4
Phone conversations	4
US Mail/Hand delivered letters	1
Total comments from individuals	125
Outreach event summaries	9
Total comment sources	134

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 Frequency by Type	Qty.
Process (incl. Schedule)	94
Tolling	82
Transit (incl. Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, and Transit Safety)	72
Funding and Financing (incl. Cost)	69
Land Use and Economic Activity	32
Congestion and Traffic	31
Range of Alternatives	22
Highway Safety	16
Neighborhoods	15
Bicycle and Pedestrian	14
Auxiliary and Add/Drop Lanes	13
Visual and Aesthetic Qualities	11
Truck Freight	11
Acquisitions and Right of Way	10

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

Public Comment Themes

Public comments submitted in July reflected a variety of topics, with comments about **Process, Tolling, Transit,** and **Funding and Financing** having the greatest frequency (see Table 2, below). In addition to the nine CRC outreach events referenced in Table 1, a "listening session" on tolling was held on July 1, and drew an attendance of 41 people. Tolling comments received at this event were summarized separately in a document titled "Preliminary Summary of Public Comments on Tolling," available on the CRC Web site.

Process

Comments about process covered a wide range of topics, including concerns surrounding the Vancouver Working Group's vote on the McLoughlin transit alignment and support for limiting the City of Portland's role in CRC decision-making. Several comments were also received from those having difficulty completing online CRC project surveys, as well as concerns over the wording of survey questions.

Funding and Financing

Project costs were a concern for several commenters, including costs incurred to date and estimated project construction costs. Ideas to curb costs included eliminating or limiting elements of the CRC project, including bicycle and pedestrian improvements and aesthetic bridge design. Outside the context of funding and financing, however, other commenters supported aesthetic design and bicycle improvements.

Transit

Light rail comments were the most frequent type of transit comment, including nine comments supporting light rail and 15 opposing it. Ten additional comments and questions were received about light rail in general, including comments supporting light rail connections to east Vancouver, outside the project area.

Where We've Been

In July, the CRC project team had a presence at the 14 events listed below. The number of people engaged is in parentheses (n/a indicates events where attendees were not counted or have been counted before).

Oregon

- CRC Tolling Listening Session (41)
- Sunday Parkways: Northeast (150)
- East Portland Expo (10)

Washington

- Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce (42)
- Vancouver City Council (n/a)
- SW Washington Regional Transportation Council board (n/a)
- Vancouver Farmers Market (86)
- Battle Ground Harvest Days (90)
- Right-of-way meetings with property owners for SR-500 / Fourth Plain (two meetings attended by 18 at the first and 8 at the second)
- City of Vancouver Parking Advisory Committee (20)
- Oregon Transportation Commission and Washington State Transportation Commission, joint meeting (n/a)
- Ho'ike and Hawaiian Festival (138)
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church: Transportation open house held after Spanish-language Mass (15)

The Totals

This month:

- **618 people** engaged at **14 events**

Since October 2005:

- **19,696 outreach contacts** at **651 events**

Where We're Going

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

Oregon

- East Columbia Neighborhood Association barbeque as part of National Night Out (8/1)
- Three Hacienda Community Development Corporation National Night Out events (8/4)
- Hayden Island Manufactured Homes National Night Out event (8/5)

- Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee (8/11)
- Sunday Parkways: Southeast Portland (8/16)
- Port of Portland tolling presentation (8/18)
- Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee (8/18)
- St. John's Farmers Market (8/22)
- Interstate Farmers Market (8/26)

Washington

- Esther Short Neighborhood Association National Night Out event (8/4)
 - Vancouver Farmers Market (8/8)
 - Rose Village Neighborhood Association (8/11)
 - Arnada Neighborhood Association (8/13)
 - Northwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-In (8/14)
 - Port of Vancouver tolling presentation (8/18)
 - Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee (8/18)
- Community Choices / Steps to a Healthier Clark County (8/20)
- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (8/21)
 - Port of Ridgefield Commissioners' Picnic (8/21)
 - BikeMe! Vancouver (8/26)



Project information booth at Hawaiian Festival, July 25

Project Advisory Group Meetings

In August, the following CRC project advisory group will be meeting:

- Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (8/26) is scheduled to make a recommendation on bridge type and considerations for maintenance and security of the multi-use path

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