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The results of a comprehensive analysis of various bridge heights for the replacement Interstate 5 bridge were shared and discussed at a public open house Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Vancouver. Over 130 community members attended the event to learn about the effects of various bridge height options. CRC analyses consider river use, vessel impacts, freight mobility, highway safety and efficiency, transit efficiency, landside impacts, aviation safety, economic impacts and costs associated with various bridge heights.

CRC staff will continue to refine the technical analysis on the number of vessels impacted, river users, costs and potential solutions. A bridge height recommendation is expected in December 2012. The bridge height recommendation will be central to the general bridge permit application to be submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard in January 2013.

Materials presented at the open house are available [online](#) and summarized below.

Project overview: Information about the project's goals and improvements

Bridge height history: Information about how CRC selected a mid-level (95-foot) bridge height

Analysis of Vertical Clearance, 100-125 feet: Vancouver and Hayden Island: Description of effects in downtown Vancouver and on Hayden Island, including automobile, bicycle and pedestrian access and circulation, and light rail grades and station elevation from different bridge heights

Analysis of Vertical Clearance, 100-125 feet: Replacement Bridge: Description of effects to highway safety and traffic speeds, freight mobility, airspace encroachment and bridge foundation sizes at different bridge heights

Analysis of Vertical Clearance, 100-125 feet: River Users: Description of effects to current and future river users, including conditions affecting river passage, vessels affected at different bridge heights and the process for addressing user impacts

Next Steps: Information about the project schedule and process with the US Coast Guard to apply for a general bridge permit

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