

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **INTERSTATE 5 COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), together with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation Commission, Metro, C-TRAN and Tri-Met, will issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on September 23, 2011, for the Interstate 5 (I-5) Columbia River Crossing Project (CRC) in Multnomah County, Oregon, and Clark County, Washington.

The purpose of this notice is to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the project on the community in accordance with and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4321-4347). It is also in accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21c), State Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 197-11) and the Washington Transportation Commission and Department Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 468-12).

#### **Description of the Proposed Project**

The CRC project is a multimodal project focused on improving safety, reducing congestion and increasing mobility of motorists, freight traffic, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians along 5 miles of Interstate 5 between Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. The transit component of the CRC locally preferred alternative (LPA) will extend light rail from the existing Metropolitan Area Express Yellow Line northern terminus at the Expo Center, across Hayden Island and the Columbia River, and through downtown Vancouver to a terminus at Clark College. The highway improvements of the LPA will extend from State Route 500 in northern Vancouver, south through downtown Vancouver, and over the Interstate 5 bridge crossing the Columbia River to just north of Columbia Boulevard in north Portland. Project improvements include a new crossing over the Columbia River, I-5 interchange improvements and related enhancements to the local street and bicycle and pedestrian network.

#### **Document Review and Availability**

September 23, 2011 marks the beginning of a 30-day review period for the FEIS that concludes October 24, 2011. The FEIS can be accessed online at [www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org). To request a copy of the FEIS, contact the CRC office at [feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org](mailto:feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org) or call 866-396-2726. Summary documents and DVDs are available at no charge. Printed copies are available for \$60, which does not exceed the cost of printing. The FEIS also will be available for review at local libraries and community centers in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. A list of locations to view the FEIS is available on the CRC project website.

## **Additional Information**

For additional information, please contact:

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ADA and Title VI

## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information**

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