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I-5 Columbia River Crossing Project
Final Environmental Impact Statement
Final Section 4(f) Evaluation
Clark County, Washington

Enclosed please find two (2) total copies of the NEPA/SEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), executive summary, and appendices for the I-5 Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. This includes one (1) printed copy and one (1) DVD copy for the above referenced project. **We request the enclosed notice of availability be published in the SEPA Register on Friday, September 23, 2011.** If you cannot publish the notice on this date, please notify me by telephone at 360-816-2199.

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 a 5-mile section of the I-5 corridor connecting Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. The FEIS and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation analyze a No Build alternative along with a locally preferred alternative (LPA) and four other design options. The transit component of the CRC LPA would 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 would extend from State Route 500 in northern Vancouver, south through downtown Vancouver, and over the I-5 bridges across the Columbia River to just north of Columbia Boulevard in north Portland. Highway improvements would include a new river crossing over the Columbia River, I-5 interchange improvements, and related enhancements to the local street and bicycle and pedestrian network.

The FEIS is available for review by the following means:

- View the documents online at the CRC website:
www.columbiarivercrossing.org
- Visit local libraries in Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon, and other locations listed on our website
- Call the project office at 360-737-2726 or 503-256-2726 to request a free DVD and Summary document or to purchase a printed copy of the report (\$60.00)

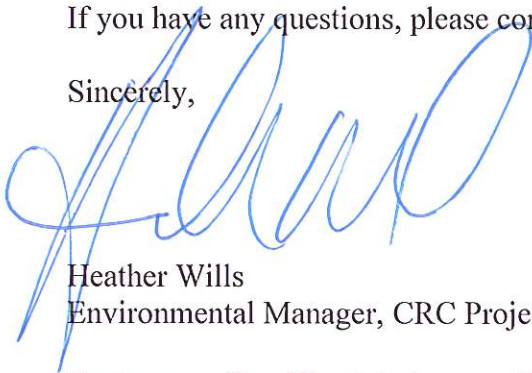
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The CRC project team ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person based on race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-816-2199.

Sincerely,



Heather Wills
Environmental Manager, CRC Project

Enclosures: One (1) printed copy of the FEIS, Final Section 4(f) Evaluation, Summary, and appendices; one (1) DVD copy of the FEIS, Final Section 4(f) Evaluation, Summary, and appendices, and; one (1) notice of availability