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Advisory and Working Groups

The CRC Task Force was created to advise the Washington State Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Transportation on general project-related issues and concerns. In addition, several advisory and working groups were formed to address specific project issues as they arise. These advisory and working groups include specialists from agency and consultant staff as well as from other organizations. These working groups address public involvement, environmental justice, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, urban design, interchange alignment and light rail design issues.

CRC Task Force

The Task Force met 23 times between February 2005 and June 2008 to advise the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Washington State Department of Transportation on project related issues and concerns. The final action of the Task Force was to make a recommendation on the Locally Preferred Alternative.

The Task Force was composed of 39 leaders from a broad cross section of Washington and Oregon communities. Public agencies, businesses, civic organizations, neighborhoods and freight, commuter, and environmental groups were represented on the CRC Task Force.

Task Force Co-Chairs

Hal Dengerink, Chancellor, Washington State University, Vancouver
Henry Hewitt, Past Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission

Public Agencies

Commissioner Sam Adams, City of Portland
Mike Bennett, City of Gresham
Councilor Rex Burkholder, Metro
Serena Cruz Walsh, Multnomah County
Jeff Hamm, C-TRAN
Fred Hansen, TriMet
Dennis Osborn, City of Battle Ground
Dean Lookingbill, Southwest Regional Transportation Council
Larry Paulson, Port of Vancouver
Mayor Royce Pollard, City of Vancouver
Commissioner Steve Stuart, Clark County
Tom Imeson, Port of Portland

Environmental Organizations

Lora Caine, Friends of Clark County, Southwest Washington
Jill Fuglister, Coalition for a Livable Future, Oregon

Neighborhood Associations

Dave Frei, Arnada Neighborhood Association, Southwest Washington
Brad Halverson, Overlook Neighborhood Association, Portland
Dick Malin, Central Park Neighborhood Association, Southwest Washington
Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association, Portland

Trucking Industry Organizations

Bob Russel, Oregon Trucking Association
Larry Pursley, Washington Trucking Association

Chambers of Commerce and Portland Business-Based Organizations

Rich Brown, Bank of America, Portland
Ed Lynch, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
Grant Armbruster, Portland Business Alliance
Scot Walstra, NW Natural Gas, Vancouver (appt. by Greater Vancouver Chamber)

Local Economic Organizations

Bob Byrd, Identity Clark County
Monica Isbell, Starboard Alliance Company, LLC, Portland
Bart Phillips, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Vancouver
Jonathan Schleuter, Westside Economic Alliance, Portland

Community Organizations

Dave Tischer, Columbia Pacific Building Trades
Elson Strahan, Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust
Jeri Sundvall-Williams, Environmental Justice Action Group
Bob Knight, Clark College

Statewide Commuter/Travel Organizations

Marie Dodds, Oregon/Idaho AAA
Dave Overstreet, Washington AAA

Statewide Freight Organizations

Jerry Grossnickle, Columbia River Towboat Association
Karen Schmidt, Washington Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Tom Zelenka, Oregon Freight Advisory Committee

Project Sponsors Council

The Governors of Oregon and Washington formed the Project Sponsors Council (PSC) after the Task Force sunseted, to advise the departments of transportation on project development. PSC recommendations are made after considering technical information, receiving input from advisory groups and reviewing public comments. As of March 25, 2010, the council has met 11 times since 2008. This group is charged with advising the project on these issues:

- Completion of the Environmental Impact Statement
- Project design

- Project timeline
- Sustainable construction methods
- Compliance with greenhouse gas emission reduction goals
- Financial plan

The council has made recommendations for creation of a Mobility Council and Performance Measures Advisory Group, and agreed with project advisory group recommendations for the number of bridge structures and the bicycle and pedestrian pathway location.

PSC Members

Henry Hewitt, Past Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission, Co-Chair
 Matthew Garrett, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation
 Paula Hammond, Secretary, Washington Department of Transportation
 Sam Adams, Mayor, City of Portland
 Tim Leavitt, Mayor, City of Vancouver, representing C-TRAN Board
 David Bragdon, Council President, Metro
 Steve Stuart, Vice Chair, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
 Fred Hansen, General Manager, TriMet
 Jeanne Harris, Councilor, City of Vancouver

Past Members

Hal Dengerink, Chancellor, Washington State University, Vancouver, Co-Chair
 Royce Pollard, Mayor, City of Vancouver

Community and Environmental Justice Group

To achieve the goal of meaningful public engagement throughout the project development process, the CRC project team formed the Community and Environmental Justice Group (CEJG). The members of the CEJG come from neighborhoods in the project area and include environmental justice communities (low-income, African American, Latino), and at-large members. They represent the diverse interests and perspectives of the Vancouver, Portland, and Hayden Island neighborhoods potentially affected by the project. CEJG has recommended project outreach strategies and materials to help effectively reach environmental justice communities. In addition to recommendations on outreach and notification of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the group also provided comments on the document. CEJG also provided comments on the alternatives proposed to move forward for analysis in the Draft EIS. As of March 25, 2010, CEJG has met approximately 33 times since 2006.

CEJG Members

John Benson, Piedmont Neighborhood Association
 Ed Garren, Manufactured Homes Association, Hayden Island
 Peg Johnson, Jantzen Beach Moorage, Inc. Board of Directors, Hayden Island
 Steve Kayfes, Kenton Neighborhood Association Board Member, Portland
 Connie Sherrard, Vancouver Housing Authority, Vancouver
 Michelle Tworoger, Jantzen Beach Moorage Association, Hayden Island
 Ralph Welch, Arnada Neighborhood, Vancouver
 Matt Whitney, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association

Past Members

Diana Avalos, Vancouver Public Schools
Maya Bhat, Multnomah County Health Department
Yvonne Broders, Community Representative, Vancouver
Jonath Colon-Montesi, N/NE Neighborhood Coalition
Dave Frei, Arnada Neighborhood Association, CRC Task Force
Jonnie Hyde, Clark County Public Health
Echo Leighton, Celebration Academy, Portland
Kris Long, Vancouver resident
Anne McEnery-Ogle, Shumway Neighborhood Association
Lawrence Russell, East Wilkes neighborhood
Dave Skagen, Rose Village Neighborhood
Jeri Sundvall-Williams, Environmental Justice Action Group
Marcia Ward, Clark County Resident
Nikki Williams, Boise Neighborhood, EJAG member, Insulators and Asbestos Workers Union, Local 36, Portland

Freight Working Group

The Freight Working Group (FWG) advises and informs the CRC project team about freight issues. Specifically, the group provides insight, observation, and recommendations about the needs for truck access and mobility within the corridor; characterizes the horizontal and vertical clearances, acceleration/deceleration, and stopping performance needs of trucks that must be accommodated; provides meaningful comments on the effect of geometric, regulatory, and capacity changes on truck movements in the corridor; and provides testimony and objective information about the effects of congestion on freight-related businesses and the businesses they serve.

As of March 25, 2010, the group has met approximately 21 times since 2006 and has made recommendations on freight ideas to consider in the Draft EIS, interchange designs, the number of replacement bridge lanes and project refinements.

FWG Members

Steve Bates, Redmond Heavy Hauling
Bryan Bergman, Georgia Pacific
Katy Brooks, Port of Vancouver
Mark Cash, G&M Trucking
Corky Collier, Columbia Corridor Association
Ken Emmons, United Road Service
Jerry Gaukroger, Boise Building Supply
Bob Hillier, City of Portland
Lee Johnson, Jet Delivery Systems
John Leber, Swanson Bark
Deborah Redman, Metro
Tracy Whelan, ESCO Corporation
Kathryn Williams, Port of Portland

Past Members

Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland

Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) was established to guide the development of improvements for people who walk or ride bicycles in or through the project area. The committee brings together community members and agency representatives to develop recommendations to enhance facilities and connections for pedestrian and bicycle circulation.

As of March 25, 2010, PBAC has met approximately 33 times since 2007. The group has made recommendations on the location of the bicycle and pedestrian pathway on the replacement bridge, alignment of the land pathway connecting to the bridge, elements for a maintenance and security plan and criteria for bicycle and pedestrian facility design. PBAC has also reviewed and given feedback on future bicycle and pedestrian modeling for the project area.

PBAC Members

April Bertelsen, City of Portland

Kyle Brown, Community Choices

Ken Burgstahler, Washington State Department of Transportation

Basil Christopher, Oregon Department of Transportation

Seanette Corkill, Arnada Neighborhood Association

Bob Cromwell, National Park Service

Debbie Elven-Snyder, C-TRAN

Roger Geller, City of Portland

Lisa Goorjian, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department

Joe Greulich, Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Rod Merrick, Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Shayna Rehberg, Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association

Phil Wuest, City of Vancouver

Past Members

Todd Boulanger, City of Vancouver

Emily Gardner, Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Karl Rohde, Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Michelle Poyourow, Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Urban Design Advisory Group

The Urban Design Advisory Group (UDAG) advises the CRC project on the appearance and design of bridge, transit, and highway improvements. This bi-state group is led by former Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard and Portland Commissioner Sam Adams. The 14 members from Washington and Oregon contribute diverse professional and community perspectives on a variety of topics including architecture, aesthetic design, cultural and historic resources, community connections, and sustainability.

As of March 25, 2010, UDAG has met approximately 14 times. The group has developed draft design guidelines and architectural design concepts for the replacement bridge. UDAG's recommendations also include a two bridge structure and design concept for the replacement bridge main span over the Columbia River.

UDAG Members

Royce Pollard, Co-Chair
Portland Mayor Sam Adams, Co-Chair
Rob Barrentine, Vancouver Design Review Commission, Architects Barrentine Bates Lee
Ed Carpenter, Artist
Jeanne Caswell, Vancouver Parks Commission
Jane Hansen, Lango Hansen Landscape Architects, P.C.
Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Peg Johnson, Jantzen Beach Moorage Association, Inc.
Mark Masciarotte, Aviation Advisory Committee
Dick Pokornowski, Downtown Redevelopment Authority
Carrie Schilling, Works Partnership Architecture
Jeff Stuhr, HOLST Architecture, Portland Design Commission
Dave Smith, Vancouver Planning Commission and Design Review Committee
Michelle Tworoger, Jantzen Beach Moorage Association, Inc.
Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association
Marcia Ward, Salmon Creek neighborhood

Marine Drive Stakeholder Group

The Marine Drive Stakeholder Group (MDSG) advised the Columbia River Crossing project on designs to improve the safety and traffic operations of the Marine Drive interchange. In fall of 2009, the diverse group of stakeholders recommended a new alignment that calls for the interchange to be rebuilt with additional ramps to improve safety. The alignment will enhance freight and vehicle safety and mobility, improve local street connections, avoid and minimize impacts to nearby wetlands and allow for future open space development. Pedestrian and bicycle access around the interchange will be more direct and easier to follow. The MDSG met five times between 2008 and 2009.

MGSG members

Steve Bates, CRC Freight Working Group, Portland Freight Committee
Corky Collier, Columbia Corridor Association
Kate Deane, Portland Development Commission
Val Humble, East Columbia Neighborhood Association
Neil McFarlane, TriMet
Jeff Nudelman, Harsch Investment
Kurt Redd, Diversified Marine
Shayna Rehberg, CRC Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Steve Rupert, Kenton Neighborhood Association
Bob Russell, Oregon Trucking Association
Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland

Lainie Smith, Oregon Department of Transportation
Paul Smith, Portland Office of Transportation
Jeff Stuhr, CRC Urban Design Advisory Group
Cheryl Twete, Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission
Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association
Kathryn Williams, Port of Portland
Joe Zehnder, Portland Bureau of Planning

Vancouver Working Group

The Vancouver Working Group (VWG) was made up of community members (residents, business owners, transit-dependent populations and commuters) who have an interest in light rail planning in Vancouver. The group met 14 times in 2009 to develop recommendations and provide feedback to the Columbia River Crossing project, the City of Vancouver and C-TRAN. The recommendations included a preferred North/South and East/West light rail alignment, station locations and design, and park and ride locations.

VWG Members

Jeff Arntson, Albina Fuel
Rob Barrentine, American Institute of Architects, Vancouver
Steve Burdick, Killian Pacific
Sara Carter, Commuter
Lonnie Chandler, Java House
Terry McCarthy, Esther Short Neighborhood Association
Lee Coulthard, Vancouver Downtown Association
Karin Ford, Vancouver Library
Dave Frei, Arnada Neighborhood Association
Lisa Ghormley, Community Representative
Jack Harroun, Hough Neighborhood Association
LaVon Holden, Vancouver Housing Authority
Todd Horenstein, Vancouver School District
Dave Howard, Lincoln Neighborhood Association
Geoff Knapp, Clark County Department of Community Services
Bob Knight, Clark College
Dick Malin, Central Park Neighborhood Association
Ross Montgomery, East Vancouver Resident
Josh Schlesinger, Property Owner
Cirith Seabee, Umpqua Bank/Uptown Business Association
Bob Sellers, C-TRAN Citizens Advisory Committee
Charlene Welch, Community Choices

Portland Working Group

The Portland Working Group (PWG) helps ensure the community perspective is incorporated into design and planning for the extension of the MAX Yellow light rail line from the Expo Center to Vancouver. The group advises the project on issues related to design, mobility and access, transit planning, business and community outreach and impacts on businesses and neighborhoods for the Oregon segment. As of March 25, 2010, the group has met 9 times since

2009 and has made recommendations on light rail station design and developed the Hayden Island Light Rail Station Conceptual Design Report.

PWG Members

Richard Carhart, Hayden Island Neighborhood Network (HiNooN)

Tom Dana, Hayden Island Livability Project

Pam Ferguson, Hayden Island Mobile Home Community

Brad Howton, Columbia Crossings

Bill Jackson, Safeway Corporation

Peg Johnson, Member-at-Large

Sam Judd, Jantzen Beach SuperCenter

Steve Kayfes, Kenton Neighborhood Association

Charlie Kuffner, Pedestrian Advocate

Barbara Nelson, Jantzen Beach Moorage, Inc.

Deborah Robertson, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association

Leslie Sawyer, Member-at-Large

Walter Valenta, Waterside Condo

Victor Viets, Hayden Bay Condominiums

Past Members

Tom Kelley, Member at Large

Colin MacLaren, Portland International Raceway

Tolling Study Committee

The Tolling Study Committee was created to study the CRC tolling scenarios and gather public feedback on tolling ideas for the project. The committee worked with the Oregon and Washington transportation departments to examine the following issues with input from the public: traffic diversion, technology to collect tolls electronically, traffic management and revenue potential. The committee held two public listening sessions and two public work sessions in 2009 before submitting its final report on the scenarios to the Oregon and Washington governors and state legislatures in January 2010.

Tolling Study Committee Members

Gail Achterman, Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission

Matthew Garrett, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation

Paula Hammond, Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation

Carol Moser, Chair, Washington State Transportation Commission