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October 18, 2011

Columbia River Crossing  
c/o Heather Mills  
CRC Environmental Manager  
700 Washington Street, Suite 300  
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Subject: Potential Impacts to RCO Grant Funded Sites from the Columbia River Crossing Project

Dear Ms. Mills:

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The purpose of this letter is to notify you that existing grant funded recreation and conservation sites should be considered in your project planning and construction for the Columbia River Crossing Project.

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a small state agency responsible for the administration of a wide range of grant programs for outdoor recreation, conversation and salmon habitat restoration. We administer several thousand grants which have been funded by a variety of programs since 1966. Most of these grants have long-term obligations. One of the primary duties of the RCO is to ensure compliance of the grant agreements and therefore protect the public investment in these grants, in perpetuity.

RCO has recently had the opportunity to review the summary of the FEIS (September 2011) for the above-referenced project. As is customary with projects of this kind, we take a preliminary look to see if there are RCO grant funded parks or conservation sites which might be adversely affected by the proposed project. The result of our initial review is that there appears to be at least five sites which might be affected by the new bridge project. I have attached an image with the sites which we believe are the most likely to be adversely impacted.

The consequences of causing adverse impacts to grant-funded sites or facilities can be severe. If all or any portion of a site or facility is changed in a manner that adversely affects the intended purposes of the grant, the sponsor, in this case Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department may be required to purchase replacement property or facilities of equal utility and current market value. The sponsor may have the right to look to your agency to finance such replacement.

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Thank you for your recent comments on the CRC FEIS. We will include this letter with the other correspondence the project has had with the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office through coordination that began in early 2008. Coordination with RCO has included meetings and conversations with Myra Barker and Kim Sellers. The information you provided in your recent letter is consistent with the information Myra and Kim previously provided. However, there is one error in the map that you provided – Biddlewood Park is shown at the SR 14/ I-5 interchange but it is actually much further east, well outside the project area.

We have also been coordinating with Vancouver City Parks and Recreation staff, including Jane Kleiner-Tessner. Past input from your staff and from City staff has been carefully considered as we advanced the design. The impacts to park and recreation resources are described in the Final EIS and technical reports, and we are confident that the locally preferred alternative can adequately avoid or minimize impacts to the identified resources, and mitigate impacts that cannot be avoided. We look forward to continued coordination with the RCO.

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**S-001-001** Further research will be required to determine the specific impacts of this project on each particular grant funded site. As you move forward I would suggest that you contact Jim Anest, RCO's Conversion Specialist at (360) 725-3932 and Ms. Jane Tesner Kleiner at the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department (360) 487-8313 to discuss these possible impacts.

We look forward to working with you in the near future.

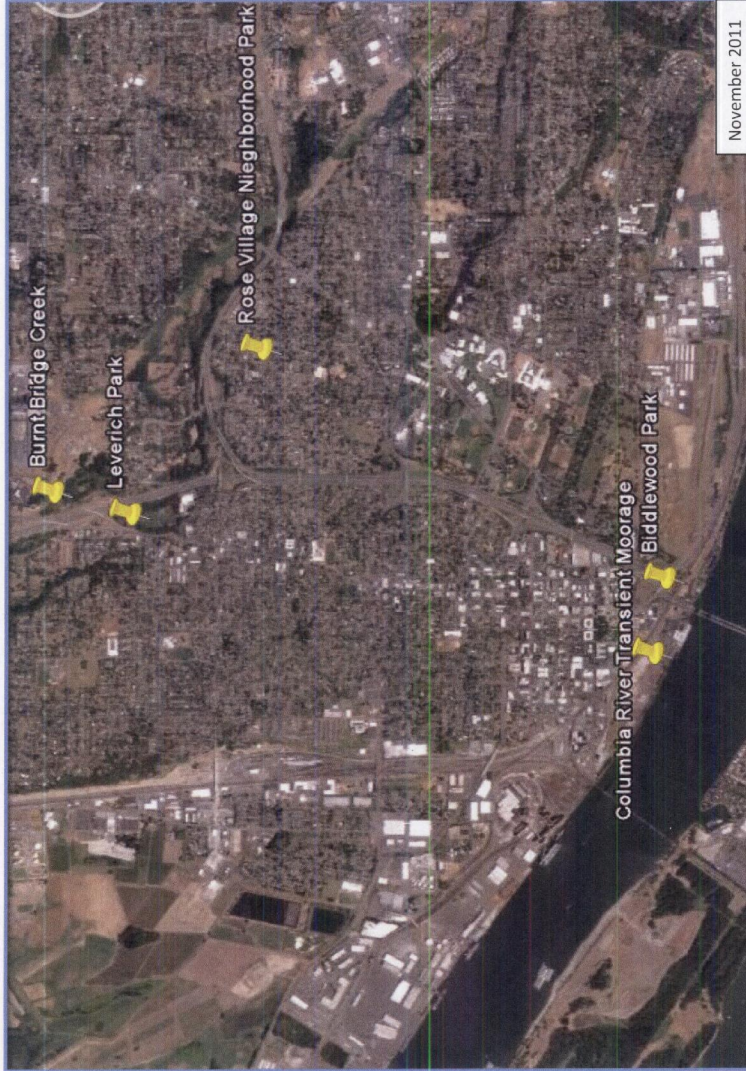
Sincerely,



Scott T. Robinson  
Conservation and Grant Services Section Manager

cc: Jim Anest, RCO  
Jane Tesner Kleiner, Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department  
Heather Ramsay, National Park Service

Attachment- Potential Impacts to RCO Grant Funded Sites from the Columbia River Crossing Project



Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, RCO# 00-1496D	Leverich Park, RCO# 82-054D
Rose Village Neighborhood Park, RCO# 10-1187A	Columbia River Transient Moorage, RCO# 92-388D
Biddlewood Park, RCO#92-247A	