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Dear Neighborhood Leader,

The Columbia River Crossing (CRC) has reached an important project milestone that we would like to share with you and your neighborhood.

On behalf of the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration, CRC has completed its [Final Environmental Impact Statement](#) (EIS). This milestone brings the project closer to completing the planning phase required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The CRC Final EIS contains analyses of environmental and community effects and describes how a replacement bridge, light rail and other project elements will improve safety and relieve congestion on Interstate 5 between Portland and Vancouver. More information about the Final EIS is on the [project website](#), including where the document is available to review.

#### **Help us get the word out**

We would like to provide an update on the CRC project, including how the Final EIS moves the project forward, and answer any questions your neighbors may have about the Final EIS or the project in general. Please contact me to schedule a staff person to attend one of your upcoming meetings.

Also attached is an article about the CRC Final EIS that can be used in an upcoming neighborhood newsletter, which is another way to pass along information. Feel free to edit for length.

I'd also like to invite you and your neighbors to one of our Final EIS drop-in information sessions:

#### **Vancouver**

Wednesday, Oct. 12

#### **Portland**

Thursday, Oct. 13

2 – 4 p.m. or 6 – 8 p.m.  
Vancouver Community Library  
901 C St., Vancouver, WA 98660

2 – 4 p.m. or 6 – 8 p.m.  
Jantzen Beach SuperCenter Community Room  
1405 Jantzen Center Dr., Portland, OR 97217

At these information sessions, full copies of the report will be available to read and technical experts will be in attendance to answer questions. Both locations are serviced by public transit; please visit [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org) or [www.c-tran.com](http://www.c-tran.com) for more information.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Dennis

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## Text for Neighborhood Newsletters

### **Columbia River Crossing completes milestone: Final Environmental Impact Statement released**

*Four information sessions scheduled*

Replacing the Interstate Bridge and extending light rail to Vancouver will improve safety, reduce the hours of congestion and provide more travel choices for people traveling between Portland and Vancouver, according to the analysis now available for a 30-day review.

The Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, has completed its Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This milestone brings the project closer to completing the planning phase required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

This document is the culmination of years of planning and design discussions with project sponsors, stakeholders and the public. It builds on analyses included in the Draft EIS published in 2008, the comments received on the Draft EIS, and public input received at more than 950 community briefings, workshops and public meetings.

The Final EIS is available for viewing and download on the CRC website: [www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org). This website also contains locations to view the document at Portland/Vancouver community centers and libraries, and information to request a copy.

Community members are invited to learn more about the CRC Final EIS at one of four informational drop-in sessions:

- Wednesday, Oct. 12; 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
  - Vancouver Community Library, 901 C St., Vancouver, WA 98660
- Thursday, Oct. 13; 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
  - Jantzen Beach SuperCenter Community Room, 1405 Jantzen Beach Center, Portland, OR 97217

At the drop-in sessions, copies of the report will be available to read and subject matter experts will be available to answer questions.

A 30-day review period for the Final EIS concludes Oct. 24, 2011. It is anticipated that the federal oversight agencies, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, will select an alternative and sign a record of decision in late 2011. The record of decision signals the conclusion of the NEPA process. CRC will then continue to develop the design for the project, with construction scheduled to begin in 2013.

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