

September 13, 2011

RE: Columbia River Crossing Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear local and regional leaders in Portland and Vancouver:

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). Enclosed is your copy of the Final EIS. We are providing you with this document so that you can view the environmental analyses completed on the CRC project.

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.

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 and public input received at more than 950 community briefings, workshops and public meetings. Additional information about the Final EIS and ways the public can view the document can be found on the project website at [www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org).

September 23, 2011, marks the beginning of a 30-day review period for the Final EIS that concludes October 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, including additional detail on project phasing, construction staging and construction techniques.

Thank you for your participation in the process to date and we look forward to working closely with you as we move into the permitting, final design and construction phase.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at 866-396-2726, or via e-mail at [boydn@columbiarivercrossing.org](mailto:boydn@columbiarivercrossing.org). Thank you for your continued support for this project.

Sincerely,



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