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In a message dated 5/7/2008 11:52:30 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org writes:



eUpdate – May 2008

Thank you for reading the Columbia River Crossing monthly email update.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement released for public review

We need your input.

On May 2, 2008, the Columbia River Crossing project reached a significant milestone and released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This report describes the potential environmental and community effects of five project alternatives under consideration.

Now is your chance to comment on the Draft EIS. The CRC project considers all comments to:

- Help select an alternative to meet community needs
- Inform local decision-makers on public opinion
- Shape the Locally Preferred Alternative and measures taken to minimize negative impacts

Comments may be submitted at any time and are considered by the project on an ongoing basis. All comments received between May 2 and July 1, 2008, are identified as Draft EIS comments and will be formally responded to in the Final EIS, expected in 2009.

Visit www.ColumbiaRiverCrossing.org to view the Draft EIS, learn where to read a

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The evaluation of the five alternatives in the DEIS was preceded by an evaluation and screening of a wide array of possible solutions to the CRC project's Purpose and Need statement. Chapter 2 of the DEIS (Section 2.5) and Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS explain how the project's Sponsoring Agencies solicited the public, stakeholders, other agencies, and tribes for ideas on how to meet the Purpose and Need. This effort produced a long list of potential solutions, such as a possible third transportation corridor across the Columbia River, alternative transit modes, and techniques for operating the existing highway system more efficiently. After identifying this wide array of options, the project evaluated whether and how they met the project's Purpose and Need, and found that alternatives that do not include improvements to the existing I-5 facility generally do not address the seismic vulnerability of the existing I-5 bridges, traffic congestion on I-5, or the existing safety problems caused by sub-standard design of I-5. Traffic modeling showed that even significant investment in improving transit options in the corridor or building a third corridor was not enough to alleviate future traffic demand and existing safety hazards on I-5. It is important to note that transit and river crossing components were not eliminated simply because they could not accommodate future vehicular trips. For example, both light rail and tolling help to decrease vehicular demand. See Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS for more discussion on the screening process used to develop project alternatives.

printed copy and submit your comments.

An executive summary of the Draft EIS and a CD of the entire document are available at no charge. Printed copies may be purchased for \$50 plus \$7 for shipping. Contact the CRC project office at 866-396-2726 or feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org to order the document.

CRC hosts public meetings to receive input, answer questions

Staff from the Columbia River Crossing project will be available to receive comments and answer questions about the Draft EIS at six formal and informal meetings in the coming weeks. We invite you to attend one or more of these events.

Public Hearings and Open Houses

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Open house: 5–8 p.m.

Public hearing: 6–8 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay, Grand Ballroom

100 Columbia Street

Vancouver, WA 98660

Public transit: C-TRAN #3

More info: www.c-tran.com or 360-695-0123

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Open house: 5–8 p.m.

Public hearing: 6–8 p.m.

Portland Metropolitan Exposition (Expo) Center

2060 North Marine Drive, Hall D

Portland, OR 97217

Public transit: TriMet MAX Yellow Line to Expo Center station

More info: www.trimet.org or 503-238-RIDE

Informal Question and Answer Sessions

Thursday, May 15

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Jantzen Beach SuperCenter (inside mall)

1405 N Jantzen Beach Center, Portland, OR

Public Transit: C-Tran # 4, TriMet # 6

More info: www.trimet.org or 503-238-RIDE; www.c-tran.com or 360-695-0123

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Saturday, June 7

9 a.m. – noon

Firstenburg Community Center

700 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA
Public Transit: C-TRAN #80, 37
More info: www.c-tran.com or 360-695-0123

Saturday, June 14

12:30-3:30 p.m.
Beaverton Main Library
12375 SW 5th St, Beaverton, OR
Public Transit: TriMet MAX Blue line to Beaverton transit center. Transfer to bus # 78 or 76.
More info: www.trimet.org or 503-238-RIDE

Thursday, June 19

6 – 8:30 p.m.
Clark Public Utilities
1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA
Public Transit: C-TRAN #37, 25
More info: www.c-tran.com or 360-695-0123
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Want to hear a presentation about the CRC project?

Project staff regularly attends neighborhood association, business and other community group meetings to give brief presentations on the project. If you would like to schedule a presentation at your next meeting, please contact Audri Bomar at 360-816-4038. In addition to giving presentations, the project has also begun its fairs and festival season. Project staff will be hosting booths at various events around town throughout the summer. Feel free stop by, get the latest project updates and have your questions answered.

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