

# Salem River Crossing Project

April 2008 Project Status Report



This status report provides a brief explanation of the major activities that were conducted for the month and what is scheduled for the following month, along with a review of the overall project schedule. Detailed information on the project activities can be found on the project website:

[www.salemrivercrossing.org](http://www.salemrivercrossing.org).

The project schedule is available online at [www.salemrivercrossing.org/schedule.aspx](http://www.salemrivercrossing.org/schedule.aspx). While some of the early milestones occurred later than originally scheduled, the project is on schedule to develop the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) through the end of 2008 and to public the document during the early part of 2009.

## Activities in April 2008

### Project Management Team Meeting

A Project Management Team Conference Call was held from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Thursday, April 3. The primary topic discussed was the following:

- ◆ Preparation from the Oversight Team Meeting

### Oversight Team Meeting

An Oversight Team meeting was held from 12:00 to 1:30 pm on Friday, April 4. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Financial Context Section 4(f) and Alternatives for EIS
  - Follow-up from FHWA and DOJ Discussions and Subsequent Decisions.
  - Decision: Yellow Alternatives are eliminated from further consideration [4(f)] and Orange Alternative is included (Reasonable Range of Alternatives).
- ◆ Updates on Alternatives
  - Refinements
  - Transit Assumptions
- ◆ Finance Workshop
  - Summary and Feedback. Feedback from Oversight Team and from participants was very positive and that the workshop went very well.

### Project Design Team Meeting

A Project Design Team meeting was held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, April 17. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Updates on what consultant engineers have been working on
- ◆ Refinements to the White Alternatives
- ◆ Design issues with Red connection to Highway 22
  - Deferred to Subcommittee: Need to meet with ODOT engineers to get final approval of design speeds for new bridge crossing alternatives and direct connection to Highway 22 (Red Alternative).

## FHWA Coordination Meeting

A Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Coordination meeting was held from 8:30 to 10:00 am on Monday, April 28. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Range of Alternatives
  - Discussions on changes to alternatives for draft EIS (Keeping the Orange Alternative in)
- ◆ Red Alternative
  - Discussion around 4(f) and do we need a full avoidance version of the Red Alternative - Looking into this for comparison reasons in the draft EIS

## Project Design Team Meeting

A Project Design Team (Subcommittee) meeting was held from 8:30 to 10:30 am on Wednesday, April 30. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Design speeds for new bridge crossing alternatives
  - White Alternative with Red Connection Decision: 50 mph design speed and movement from Salem Parkway to Highway 22 is the primary movement with off ramps to Wallace and Hope
  - White Alternative (Bridge only): 40 mph design speed
  - Orange Alternative (Bridge only): 40 mph design speed