

Salem River Crossing Project

August 2007 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. More detailed information on the project activities can be found on the project website: www.salemrivercrossing.org.

The project schedule is available online at www.salemrivercrossing.org/schedule.aspx. While some of the early milestones occurred later than originally scheduled, the project is on schedule to deliver a draft of the EIS by the middle of 2008.

Activities in August 2007

ODOT/DLCD Meeting

A meeting between the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) was held on August 15 to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Reviewed work-to-date on concepts
- ◆ Discussed developing a threshold measure for mobility to be used in the Evaluation Framework
- ◆ Agreed to develop a “Low-Build” concept, consisting of lower cost street system projects to determine the benefits of this concept
- ◆ Agreed to delay a decision on the threshold measure following the results of the analysis of the ‘Low-Build’ concept

Task Force Meeting

A Task Force meeting was held on August 15 to review the concepts developed to-date and recommend a range of alternatives, which will be studied further using the evaluation. The meeting resulted in:

- ◆ Proposal of two new additional concepts:
 - White concept without the Red concept (connection to Highway 22)
 - White concept without Pine/Hickory couplet through the neighborhood east of Liberty Street
- ◆ Approval of advancing the eleven concepts presented, along with two new concepts (discussed above) as the range of alternatives (a total of 13 alternatives)

Oversight Team Meeting

An Oversight Team meeting was held on August 17 to review the range of alternatives recommended by the Task Force. The meeting resulted in:

- ◆ Approval of range of alternatives recommended by the Task Force
- ◆ Request that two additional concepts be analyzed to determine their merit
 - Look at two concepts that include Red with the 1.0 mobility threshold to determine if there is significant reduction in the scope of the project

Upcoming Activities

The evaluation of the alternatives is underway and will continue through September. The next Task Force and Oversight Team meetings will be held in October.