

Salem River Crossing Project

December 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. 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 December 2007

Internal ODOT Meeting

An internal meeting was held with Doug Tindall (ODOT Deputy Director) from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 11th. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Salem River Crossing Status and Direction.
 - Project update and schedule.
 - Decision was made to move forward with alternatives that meet Purpose and Need, but do not meet the current OHP Mobility Policy.

Task Force Meeting

A Task Force meeting was held from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, December 12th. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Open House Summary
- ◆ Alternatives Narrowing
 - "Low Build" Update and Discussion.
 - Alternatives Narrowing (Continued from October meetings).
 - Decision: Alternatives for EIS (Recommendation to Oversight Team).

Recommendation: Move forward with 1) Existing Bridge Improvements (Teal Light corridor), 2) Yellow corridor with options, and 3) White corridor with options.

- ◆ Next Steps
 - Next TF meeting (January 16th)

Oversight Team Meeting

An Oversight Team Meeting was held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm on Wednesday, December 19th. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Public Outreach Results
 - Open house summary
 - On-line survey summary
- ◆ Narrowing of Alternatives
 - Spectrum of alternatives
 - Regulatory considerations
 - Task Force Recommendations
 - Discussion
- ◆ Selection of Alternatives for the Draft EIS

Recommendation: Move forward with alternatives recommended by Task Force.

- ◆ Next Steps
 - Finance Strategies
 - Bridge Type
 - Next OT meeting (January 18th)