

Salem River Crossing Project

March 2009 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. The project will develop the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) through the end of 2009 and publish the document during the early part of 2010.

Activities in March 2009

Project Management Team Meeting

A Project Management Team Meeting was held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ General Updates
 - Coordination with FHWA
 - There is a meeting scheduled for March 13th with FHWA. Focus is on corridor tolling approach.
 - LUSDR Update
 - SKATS has preliminary modeling results. ODOT will schedule a meeting with land use team and Brian Gregor to discuss potential applicability for indirect impacts analysis. The meeting is to be scheduled for the latter half of April.
 - Web-site update
 - CH to prepare update to website regarding Alternative Modes Study (Transit/TSM/TDM) and schedule. E-mail update to task force and oversight team to follow.
 - ◆ Engineering Refinement Status
 - Operations results – changes in design
 - PTV reported no major changes in volumes as a result of post-processing. There is some redistribution that is affecting side streets. To date they have mitigated to volume/capacity. They are now looking at queue lengths with WH Pacific to determine any final changes to design.
 - The need to look at event traffic associated with Wallace Marine Park was identified. PTV also to discuss level of modeling work being done with respect to tolling.
 - ◆ Preferred Alternative Process
 - Review process steps to get to a Preferred Alternative before or after DEIS.
 - CH2M Hill presented 2 different processes for reaching preferred alternative. Action item is for CH staff to document these choices in a flow chart for further discussion with FHWA. In any event, the technical reports will address how each alternative addresses goals and objectives.

Alternatives Impact Analysis Kick-off Meeting

An Alternatives Impact Analysis Kick-off Meeting was held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Monday, March 30. Meeting invitees included all consultant technical staff, ODOT and City project managers, and ODOT and City technical reviewers. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Introductions
- ◆ Overview of Project Status
- ◆ Description of Alternatives
- ◆ Discuss roles and responsibilities of the technical authors and reviewers
- ◆ Discuss study area boundaries/ Area of Potential Impacts (API)
- ◆ Discuss ODOT Environmental Expectations
- ◆ Overview of Impact Analysis process with focus on Cumulative Impacts
- ◆ Break-out sessions between DEIS technical authors and respective ODOT/City of Salem reviewers (discussion of coordination efforts for report review and with stakeholder agencies)
- ◆ Next Steps
- ◆ Project and Deliverables Schedule
- ◆ Other housecleaning items