

Salem River Crossing Project

November 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.

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 develop the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) through the end of 2008 and to publish the document during the early part of 2009.

Activities in November 2008

Project Management Team Meeting

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

- ◆ General Updates
 - Summary of meetings with stakeholders.
 - Coordination status with TPAU.
- ◆ Schedule Review
 - Review revised project schedule.
- ◆ Consultant Amendment Review
 - Review draft SOW and budget.
- ◆ Stakeholder Communication
 - TSM/TDM Communication.

FHWA Coordination Meeting

A FHWA Coordination Meeting was held from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Friday, November 14. The primary topic discussed was the following:

- ◆ Updates on Schedule.
- ◆ Outstanding Requests: FHWA Confirmations in writing.
 - 100% electronic tolling.
 - TSM/TDM parallel process.

Action Item: ODOT to prepare and provide letter to FHWA requesting approval of ODOT's approach to above items.

Note: A separate letter is being prepared on corridor tolling which will ultimately be sent to FHWA headquarters for their official review and decision.

- ◆ Discussion on financial constraint and phased NEPA documents.

To get approval from FHWA for a phased NEPA document, Phase 1 must be a fully funded project on the fiscally constrained list of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) TSP and Phase 2 has to, at a minimum, have funding for Right of Way (ROW) at the time of approval.