

Salem River Crossing Project

October 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 October 2008

FHWA/ODOT Tolling Meeting

A FHWA/ODOT Tolling Meeting was held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 1.

1. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ Tolling Existing and New Bridge(s).
 - Can we toll both the existing bridges and new bridge?
No formal approval has been made at this time. A Justification Memo will be sent to FHWA Headquarters for review. FHWA Headquarters is the decision making body and will make the final decision in this matter. For now the tolling impacts will be included in the NEPA document. *Note: The NEPA document should not determine the financial scenarios that will fund the project.
* *Action Item:* A corridor tolling memo is being prepared (justification for tolling of the existing facilities) and the final document will be sent to FHWA.
- ◆ 100% Electronic Tolling
 - Yes, FHWA still supportive of this approach
* *Note:* 100% electronic tolling approach approved by ODOT Highway Division Deputy Director and Transportation Development Division Administrator (TDD).
* *Note 2:* If 100% electronic tolling is determined to not work, then a Supplemental EIS will be drafted to include manual toll collection facilities.

Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management Meeting

A Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) meeting was held on Tuesday, October 7. ODOT and City of Salem staff met with staff of the Salem Area Mass Transit District to discuss the proposed approach to analysis of Transit/TSM/TDM options. The Transit District concurred with the approach outlined in the PMT memo dated October 14, 2008.

Project Management Team Meeting

A Project Management Team Meeting was held from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm on Wednesday, October 8. The primary topic discussed was the following:

- ◆ General Updates
 - Summary of meetings with stakeholders
- ◆ TSM/TDM Measures
 - Review revised NEPA technical reports methodology memorandum
 - Review Executive Summary of modeling methodology
- ◆ Schedule Review
 - Review revised project schedule.
- ◆ Consultant Amendment Review
 - Review of tasks with additional effort.
- ◆ Stakeholder Communication
 - Schedule and cost changes
 - E-mail update