

Salem River Crossing Project

October 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 middle of 2010.

Activities in October 2009

Project Management Team Meeting

A Project Management Team Meeting was held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 22. The primary topics discussed were the following:

- ◆ DEIS Schedule and Updates
 - Schedule Update and Review
 - DEIS internal review April 2010
 - DEIS published July 2010 and open for public comment
 - Key Activities Underway
 - All Technical Reports are being prepared
- ◆ Other Topics from PMT (if any)
 - Ken Husby (Polk County) Suggested that a schedule be developed that had key milestones and showed where we are with progress on the Technical Reports and DEIS (Easy way to track our progress)
 - Julie Warncke (City of Salem) Discussion on letters from City of Independence/Polk County/Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 - Environmental Justice discussion occurred around outreach and scheduling of meetings
- ◆ Action Items List Review
 - Identify new items to add to list
 - Update on Open Items

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Meeting

A FHWA Coordination Meeting was held from 8:30 to 9:30 am on Monday, October 26. The primary topic discussed was the following:

- ◆ **Schedule Update and FHWA Review (Timing)**
 - Is 5 - 6 weeks for FHWA legal review enough - Yes, with a good document that should be plenty of time
- ◆ **Expression of Interest Form (Corridor Tolling) Update**
 - ODOT, City of Salem, and DOJ review complete
 - FHWA Oregon Division Office review underway

- Form to be sent to FHWA office in Washington DC for their review and recommendations in December
- ◆ **Update on Alternate Modes Study - Dan Fricke or Julie Warncke**
 - Study is still on schedule to be completed at the end of December
 - Link on project website to Alternate Modes Study information
- ◆ **Financial Constraint - Follow-up and Closure**
 - Project phasing should generally be discussed in the DEIS and more detailed discussion on phasing should occur in the FEIS
 - For FHWA to sign a Record of Decision (ROD) for the EIS the project must be in the RTSP. (The RTSP is a 20 year plan and consists of two parts - the financially constrained portion (projects that are likely to be funded under current predictions during the 20 year plan) and the illustrative portion (unfunded projects).) For FHWA to sign the ROD the whole project or a phase of the project must be on the financially constrained list and the remainder of the project must be on the illustrative list.
 - A second requirement is the project or a project phase must be in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) for FHWA to sign the ROD. (The STIP is a 4 year plan that includes all the projects that have funding that will be worked on or constructed by the State during that 4 year period.)

Meeting Schedule

December 9 - PMT Meeting