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Task force on Salem River Crossing Project to meet October 17, 2007 and October 24, 2007

SALEM—A task force comprised of area stakeholders that is considering the Salem River Crossing Project will meet from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17 and again on Wednesday, October 24 at Pringle Hall, 606 Church Street SE, Salem. The Task Force will discuss the results of the evaluation of the 13 alternatives which they had recommended for further study. This process examined close to 40 factors such as residential and business impacts, congestion relief, and cost and evaluated how each of the alternatives performed against those criteria. Task force meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment.

The Salem River Crossing Project is being conducted by the City of Salem and ODOT to develop solutions for crossing the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area that meet transportation needs, are compatible with the built and natural environments and have broad community and regional support. The project will build on results of previous studies and will include development of an environmental impact statement (EIS) and a funding strategy to move any identified solutions toward implementation.

The task force of 21 citizens was appointed by the City of Salem and ODOT to help develop recommendations for river crossing solutions. Members of the task force include leaders of neighborhood and civic groups on both sides of the river, public agency staff and representatives of interest groups with a stake in the project.

For more information on Salem River Crossing, please visit the project website at www.salemrivercrossing.org.

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