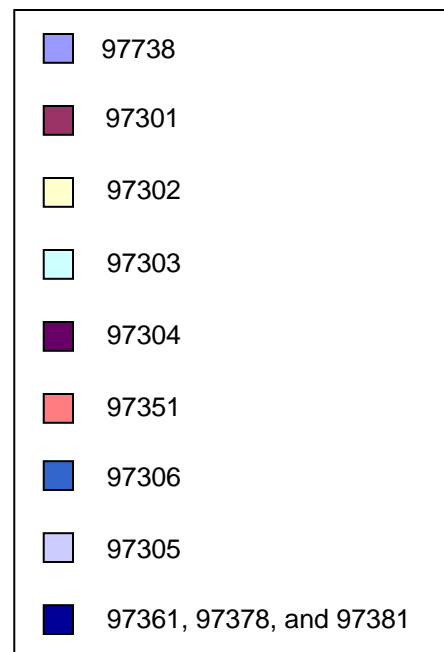
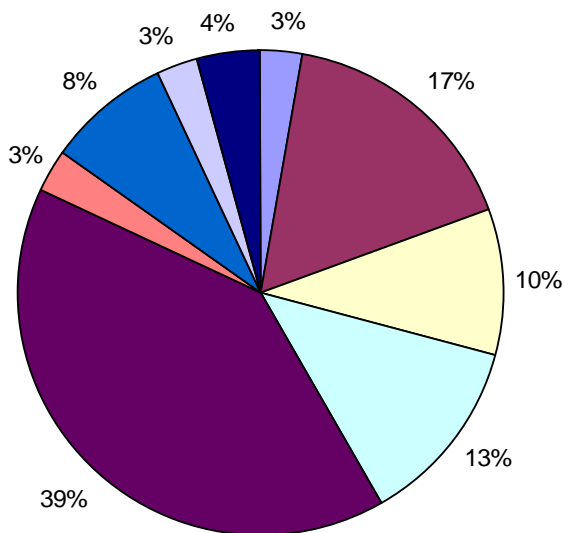




Online Survey Results – December 2006

The second online survey for the Salem River Crossing project was active on the project web site from November 22, 2006 to December 20, 2006. A total of 76 responses were received during that time. Results are detailed below.

What is your home zip code?	Number of responses	Percent of total responses
Other – 97361 (Monmouth), 97378 (Sheridan), 97381 (Silverton)	1 from each zip	4%
97338 (Dallas)	2	3%
97301 (Downtown Salem)	12	17%
97302 (South of Downtown)	7	10%
97303 (North Salem and Keizer)	9	12%
97304 (West Salem)	29	39%
97305 (Brooks)	2	3%
97306 (South Salem)	6	8%
97351 (Independence)	2	3%



Do you agree with these individual pieces of the purpose statement?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Improve mobility and safety for people	87% (59)	9% (6)	3% (2)	1% (1)	0% (0)
Improve mobility and safety for freight	79% (53)	10% (7)	7% (5)	1% (1)	1% (1)
Improve mobility and safety for local, regional, through travel across the Willamette River in the Salem Keizer metropolitan area	88% (60)	7% (5)	3% (2)	1% (1)	0% (0)
Alleviating congestion on the Marion and Center Street bridges	91% (62)	6% (4)	3% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)
Alleviating congestion on the connecting highway	78% (52)	10% (7)	6% (4)	6% (4)	0% (0)
Alleviating congestion on arterial street systems	81% (54)	10% (7)	4% (3)	4% (3)	0% (0)
Total Respondents					68

Do you agree with this project need?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Improve existing and future mobility and safety of passenger vehicles	91% (59)	6% (4)	0% (0)	3% (2)	0% (0)
Total Respondents					65

Do you agree with this project need?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Improve existing and future mobility and safety of freight vehicles	81% (50)	11% (7)	3% (2)	5% (3)	0% (0)
Total Respondents					62

Do you agree with this project need?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Improve existing and future mobility and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists	76% (47)	16% (10)	5% (3)	3% (2)	0% (0)
Total Respondents					62

Do you agree with this project need?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Minimize traffic disruptions and enable emergency vehicle response in the event of restricted access to and/or closure of the existing bridges due to an emergency or other incident	92% (57)	6% (4)	0% (0)	2% (1)	0% (0)
Total Respondents					62

Do you agree with this project need?	I strongly agree	I somewhat agree	No Opinion	I somewhat disagree	I strongly disagree
Develop a financial strategy for implementation	92% (57)	5% (3)	2% (1)	0% (0)	2% (1)
Total Respondents					62

Do you have any other comments related to the Purpose and Need?

It would seem that the need is already quite sizable. It may be worth mentioning that by the time this project is completed it may already be inadequate if the proper (large) scale is not intended.

This is an important project and needs to be done correctly and soon. It needs to be done intelligently so that it does not cause future problems and solves the problem for the near to distant future. It is a big task and I wish you well in this endeavor.

Salem is in serious need of a third bridge. I sincerely hope that this project becomes a reality.

This is well overdue and when completed will greatly help the Salem-Kaiser area.

A new bridge is needed; desperately.

I cannot stress enough the need for a third bridge if only just for emergency response. As a law enforcement officer, I have seen the following incidents snarl downtown traffic for hours and cripple the city: wrecks, suicidal individuals, junk in the roadway and something as simple as a bag of unidentified white powder. As a West Salem resident, I can also attest to the rat-race that occurs when West Salem residents must fight across three lanes of traffic in order to get off the bridge with cars running 15-20 mph over the speed limit. Currently, our connectivity with Keizer and the Northeast portions of the city is severely limited. By reducing the number of vehicle trips through the downtown core area, traffic problem in that area can be alleviated as well. The time for the new bridge came five years ago. With the new high school, new home, construction, recent business development and growth, we are already behind the curve on increasing transportation infrastructure. Build the bridge!

The need is driven by land development in West Salem and portions of the Polk county, which is not significantly addressed. The continued expansion of roads and bridges will lead to increased consumption of fossil fuels which may lead to unintended environmental consequences, and minimal discussion of offsets is offered. Alternative development to auto-centric development need should be expanded.

The purpose and need statement does not address alternatives to one person/one vehicle. I support building the bridge. But that can't be our only approach to congestion. We need to develop the old railroad bridge as a pedestrian and bicycle path. We could even consider some

kind of trolley system for that route. Or include bus stops directly from West Salem that cover territory farther east before the buses turn south to the terminal. The bus is so much slower than my car that I am reluctant to add the time to transfer buses to go farther east. Those would be incentives to get us out of our cars for at least a few trips a week. We should consider incentives for staggered work schedules. I come to work at 8:30 a.m. and rarely experience congestion. I am pleased to see that your analysis addresses (or will address) the convoluted bike access pathways to and from West Salem over the existing bridges. Not only is the route confusing, I often meet transients who are huddled in the underpasses to get out of the weather. They are harmless, perhaps, but coming upon them suddenly in the dusk is quite a heart stopper.

It needs to happen ASAP! It's way over due!! People would tolerate a toll if necessary. We actually need 2 bridges at this time!!

The only thing I would like to comment on is to express my support for a third and even a fourth bridge, along with thousands of other salemites I travel across the river every morning and the traffic is absolutely ridiculous. Having only two bridges for a city and population of Salem's size is not enough and if this problem aint fixed soon downtown Salem will soon come to a complete halt and the rest the city will be a huge traffic jam. Thank you for your time

As a retired Traffic Engineer I feel the emphasis to be on a beltline system that will relieve the pressure on the downtown core streets. Such a system was proposed in the 1971 (and 1982) SATS plans, using what is now Kubler Blvd, Cordon Rd. and Pine St. Today we need to go further out to accommodate the rate of population growth. The bridges will be only a small but essential part of a properly functioning transportation system.

Obviously we need to make the bridge a reality and development of a serious plan is needed.

An additional bridge should have been a priority two decades ago. Two months ago I purchased and new home and refused to purchase one in West Salem because I would have to go over the heavily congested bridge every day.

I hope this becomes reality. We have been talking about it for at least the last 20 years. We need another bridge!~!

I have been living in West Salem for eight years and continue to watch the growth and development in our neighborhoods, as well as the increasing traffic, especially on the Marion St. bridge, where you see the congestion on Wallace and the Rosemont exit. Merging traffic on the Center St. bridge during the morning commute is another nightmare, and I can only imagine it will continue to get worse. I'm not sure what the population of West Salem, or even Dallas, or Independence was, when those bridges were erected, but I'm sure we've far exceeded their intention.

1. Identify interim measures or strategies that could be implemented to achieve some of the project's purposes if funding is not available to build a new bridge.

The bridge is needed now!!! I suggest a moratorium on all building in West Salem until the bridge is in place. Who allowed a one thousand? unit apartment complex on Wallace at this time? Maybe the plan should call for bridges instead of bridge. How about replacing the smoke belching Wheatland ferry with a environmentally clean bridge!

I spend at least 30 minutes in my morning commute between Orchard Heights Road and the bridge heading into Salem. The same is true in the opposite direction in the evening. One traffic stop can add another 30 minutes to the commute. The City of Salem has chosen to funnel all of its traffic through one intersection. Cities of comparable size have several options for commuters. It's time.

I do not see how this will help the freight traffic through West Salem. There is no way any truck or vehicular traffic can use this new bridge if their destination is the Corvallis, Monmouth or Oregon Coast areas. Further this plan does not alleviate much traffic from Wallace Road, it just moves it to a different place. Most bike and pedestrian traffic goes to downtown so this bridge will benefit very

few in that group.

Let's get it done.

It may be worth considering a toll bridge if funding is a problem. We need to get as much traffic out of the downtown area when they are just going there as a way to pass through.

You should consider a third bridge other than for downtown. We funnel far too much traffic along too few roads with little capacity. A third bridge would go into West Salem either through South Salem or Keizer. Downtown is adversely affected by the amount of traffic funneled through it. No one wants to stop and it is unpleasant for pedestrians. Don't funnel more traffic through it.

Salem needs another bridge badly, and a plan to cope with any disruptions on any or all bridges.

As the West Salem community continues to grow, it has been difficult to navigate through Wallace Road. Even yesterday, there was a construction zone, and it took 30 minutes to travel one mile. We are even considering moving to another part of Salem in two years, if there is no long term plan for the solution.

Please press forward with the project ASAP

The need for a new crossing was determined in multiple studies over the past 4 decades. Is this a true effort to resolve this or the same old waste of funds?

Building a bridge north off Wallace Rd would solve a large share of the traffic problems. Building a bridge to the South would not solve any problems. Most of our markets are related to Portland, Airport, Seattle and points East on interstate 84. If traffic gets much worse the trucks wont come here to pick up our nursery stock.

I am hoping that your plans include the review and implementation of a third bridge in the Salem area.....the building in West Salem continues at an enormous pace, without immediate consideration of what the increase of those 1,000+ per day vehicle increases mean to the flow of traffic. Please prioritize this project. Thank you! :)

I believe there are compelling social and economic considerations that should be noted. State services are negatively impacted when state employees cannot get to their jobs due to bridge closure. Similarly, privately owned businesses are negatively impacted when customers prefer to shop elsewhere (e.g. over the Internet) because traffic is so bad. This undermines state and local economies.

I think there should also be some mention of the project. It nice to have the purpose and need, but it should also determine it's priority - Unless that is inherent. We see multi-million dollar project throughout the state, but long-term planning for another east-west bridge seems to have been a low priority. Also, it should address long-term problems, not just current ones. (50-100 years from now.)

Hopefully there will be some funds left after all the evaluating is completed, this phase seems to be taking years!

This project needs to be moved along. West Salem is way too crowded for the existing bridges (hwy 22 east and west). Please! Or... declare a moratorium on any further construction between the river and Dallas.