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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE COORDINATION PLAN

Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU 6002) requires a project's lead agencies to establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation during the environmental review process. SAFETEA-LU 6002 applies to projects for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared and is not optional for such projects. SAFETEA-LU 6002 may be applied to projects being advanced through Environmental Assessments (EAs) or Categorical Exclusions (CEs) at the discretion of the Project's lead agencies.

The purposes of the SAFETEA-LU 6002 coordination plan are to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination plan will be accomplished. The coordination plan is meant to promote an efficient and streamlined process and good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

SAFETEA-LU 6002 coordination plans should be developed early in the environmental review process after project initiation and should outline the points for review and comment by the participating and cooperating agencies, as well as by the public.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Salem River Crossing project will address mobility across the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer urban area and on the connecting arterial street system. The Marion and Center Street bridges in Salem (Oregon Highway 22) are the only vehicular crossings of the Willamette River within the Salem-Keizer urban area. Increasing traffic volumes and continued population growth are causing congestion levels on the bridges and the connecting infrastructure to exceed Oregon Highway Plan mobility standards. Without mobility improvements, congestion is forecast to worsen in the future. A reasonable range of alternatives will be considered in the environmental impact statement (EIS), including alternatives identified in the 2002 Willamette River Crossing Study General Corridor Evaluation that are still valid and meet the project purpose and need. A No Build alternative also will be studied.

Additional information on the Salem River Crossing project can be found on the project Web site at www.salemrivercrossing.org. Figure 1 shows the project vicinity.

COORDINATION PLAN EXECUTION

The Salem River Crossing Project has organized a variety of project teams to be involved in project milestone decisions. These teams include representatives of most of the participating agencies in this coordination plan. The coordination points for participating agencies in this

coordination plan are the same as the coordination points for the project teams involved in project milestone decisions.

An appendix is attached to this plan that explains the composition and role of each of these teams. The following are the project teams involved in decisions for Salem River Crossing Project:

- Project Management Team
- Task Force
- Oversight Team

In addition, the project will be tracked by signatory agencies of the Collaborative Environmental and Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS)¹ group.

To keep coordination points as simple as possible, the Salem River Crossing Project Team will execute this plan in the following manner.

- The Salem River Crossing Project Management Team will provide information on and discuss coordination points with all project teams (listed above) before seeking comment from CETAS on the coordination point. Involvement of cooperating and participating agencies in these collaborative activities will be documented through meeting notes.
- At the time coordination point materials are sent to CETAS for comment, Rod Thompson/ODOT will notify participating agencies of the availability of draft coordination point materials (see Table 2-6). This notification will initiate the 30 day maximum comment period. Participating agencies may provide comments on the coordination point materials in one of three ways:
 - Notify Rod Thompson/ODOT through e-mail
 - Notify a member of the agency who belongs to one of the project teams (The fourth column of Table 2-3 identifies individuals within agencies who belong to one or more Salem River Crossing project teams).
 - Provide your comments on the project web site:
<http://www.salemrivercrossing.org>
- Rod Thompson/ODOT will respond by e-mail that the project team has received the comments.

ORGANIZATION

This coordination plan is divided into the following sections:

- Lead/Cooperating/Participating Agencies (Section 2)
- Coordination Points and Responsibilities (Section 3)
- Project Schedule (Section 4)
- Revision History (Section 5)

¹ In response to federal directives, CETAS was created as a process to coordinate review of transportation construction projects. The process establishes a working relationship between ODOT and ten federal and state transportation, natural resource, cultural resource, and land-use planning agencies. ODOT uses the CETAS process for all environmental impact statements. For more information, see Appendix A.

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SECTION 2

LEAD/COOPERATING/PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

LIST OF AGENCIES, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The agencies below (except for the lead agencies) have been invited by letter to participate in the Salem River Crossing project in the roles identified below. All cooperating and participating agencies will be responsible for the following:

- Participate in the scoping process
- Provide comments on purpose and need, methodologies, and range of alternatives
- Identify any issues of concern regarding the project’s environmental or socioeconomic impacts
- Provide timely input on unresolved issues

Additional responsibilities are to be determined.

Lead Agencies

TABLE 2-1
Lead Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Joint Lead Agency	Manage 6002 process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public & participating/cooperating agency involvement
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	Joint Lead Agency	Manage 6002 process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public & participating/cooperating agency involvement
City of Salem	Joint Lead Agency	Manage 6002 process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public & participating/cooperating agency involvement

Cooperating Agencies

TABLE 2-2
Cooperating Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities	Salem River Crossing Project Team
National Park Service	Cooperating Agency	6(f) Review	
Polk County	Cooperating Agency	Jurisdiction west of the Willamette River	Oversight Team, Task Force
US Corps of Engineers	Cooperating Agency	Section 404 permit jurisdiction	CETAS
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Cooperating Agency	ESA jurisdiction. Provide comments on listed species and wildlife impacts. Signs Biological Opinion.	CETAS

Participating Agencies

TABLE 2-3
Participating Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities	Salem River Crossing Project Team
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Participating Agency	Project compatibility with Tribes' mission and interests	Task Force
Federal Emergency Management Association ³	Participating Agency	Jurisdiction of floodplain and floodway of the Willamette River	CETAS
Federal Transit Administration ²	Participating Agency	Compatibility with public transit	
Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments/SKATS	Participating Agency	Transportation Modeling, Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP), validity of project modeling, consistency of project with MTIP	Task Force
National Marine Fisheries Service ³	Participating Agency	ESA jurisdiction on listed species. Signs Biological Opinion.	CETAS
Oregon Department of Agriculture	Participating Agency	Land and water use planning for state lands	
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Participating Agency	Input to USACE on 404 permit, input to USFWS, NMFS on Biological Opinion	CETAS
Oregon Economic and Community Development Department	Participating Agency	Economic development, community development, and cultural enhancement	
Oregon Water Resources Department	Participating Agency	Water supply, water resource protection, water resource restoration	
Salem-Keizer School District	Participating Agency	Project compatibility with school bus travel, student bicycle and pedestrian travel	
Salem-Keizer Transit	Participating Agency	Project compatibility with public transportation	Oversight Team, Task Force
Salem Urban Renewal Agency	Participating Agency	Project compatibility with urban renewal	
US Coast Guard ³	Participating Agency	Jurisdiction over navigable waterways, vertical and horizontal clearance of river crossings	
US Environmental Protection Agency ³	Participating Agency	Review of EIS	CETAS

² Invited to be a cooperating agency but no response received; per SAFETEA-LU 6002, federal agencies that do not respond to cooperating agency invitation are automatically designated participating agency status

³ Declined cooperating agency invitation, requested participating agency status

Agencies that Declined or Did Not Respond to the Invitation

The following agencies were invited by letter on October 24, 2006, to be cooperating or participating agencies. These agencies either did not respond to the invitation, or sent a response declining involvement as a participating or cooperating agency. Although these agencies will not be designated cooperating or participating agencies for this project, they will be involved as needed throughout the project and some agencies are part of the Salem River Crossing Project Team. Additionally, these agencies are able to comment on the project via the project website and during public comment periods.

TABLE 2-4
Agencies that Declined or did not Respond to the Invitation

Agency Name	Role	Salem River Crossing Project Team
City of Keizer	Did not Respond	Oversight Team, Task Force
City of Keizer Fire District	Declined participating agency invitation	None
Confederated Tribes of Siletz	Did not respond	None
Federal Aviation Administration	Declined participating agency invitation	None
Housing and Urban Development	Declined participating agency invitation	None
Marion County	Did not respond	Oversight Team, Task Force
Oregon Department of Aviation	Did not respond	None
Oregon Department of State Lands ⁴	Declined participating agency invitation	CETAS
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ⁴	Declined participating agency invitation	CETAS
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development ⁵	Did not respond	CETAS, Task Force
Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries	Did not respond	None
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Did not respond	None
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office ⁵	Did not respond	CETAS
Salem Housing Authority	Did not respond	None
West Valley Housing Authority	Did not respond	None

⁴ Declined cooperating agency invitation, but agency will track the project through CETAS

⁵ Did not respond to participating agency invitation, but agency will track the project through CETAS

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The following provides contact information for each of the lead, cooperating, and participating agencies.

TABLE 2-5
Lead, Cooperating, and Participating Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail and Mailing Addresses	Salem River Crossing Project Team
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde				
Point of Contact:	Michael Karnosh Ceded Lands Coordinator	(503) 879-2383	michael.karnosh@grandronde.org Natural Resources Division P.O. Box 10 Grand Ronde, OR 97347	Task Force
City of Keizer				
Point of Contact:		(503)	Keizer, OR 97	
City of Salem				
Point of Contact:	Julie Warncke Transportation Planning Manager	(503) 588-6211	jwarncke@cityofsalem.net 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 325 Salem, OR 97301	PMT
Federal Emergency Management Agency				
Letter mailed to:	Dennis Hunsinger Acting Regional Director, Region X	(425) 487-4735	Dennis.Hunsinger@dhs.gov 130 228th Street SW Bothell, WA 98021	
Point of Contact:	Susan Reinertson Regional Administrator Region X	(425) 487-4610	Susan.Reinertson@dhs.gov 130 228th Street SW Bothell, WA 98021	
Point of Contact:	Mark Eberlein Regional Environmental Officer, Region X	(425) 487-4735	Mark.Eberlein@dhs.gov 130 228th Street SW Bothell, WA 98021	
Federal Highway Administration				
	Phillip Ditzler, Oregon Division Administrator	(503) 399-5749	Phillip.ditzler@fhwa.dot.gov 530 Center Street NE Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301	
Point of Contact:	Michelle Eraut Acting Planning and Program Development Team Leader	(503) 587-4716	michelle.eraut@fhwa.dot.gov 530 Center Street NE Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301	
Federal Transit Administration				
Letter mailed to,	Richard F. Krochalis Regional Administrator, Region 10	(206) 220-7954	915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142 Seattle, WA 98714	

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail and Mailing Addresses	Salem River Crossing Project Team
Point of Contact:	Ned Conroy SKATS Liason	(206) 220-7954	ned.conroy@dot.gov 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142 Seattle, WA 98714	
Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments/SKATS				
Letter mailed to:	Richard Schmid, Interim Executive Director	(503) 588-6177	rschmid@mwvcog.org 105 High Street SE Salem, OR 97301	
Point of Contact:	Mike Jaffe, MPO Program Manager	(503) 588-6177	mjaffe@mwvcog.org 105 High Street SE Salem, OR 97301	Task Force
National Marine Fisheries Service				
Letter mailed to:	Bob Lohn Regional Administrator Northwest Region	(206) 526-6150	7600 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115	
Point of Contact:	Devin Simmons National Marine Fisheries Service (CETAS Member)	(503) 231-2313	devin.simmons@noaa.gov 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd. Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97232	CETAS
National Park Service				
Point of Contact:	Gloria Shinn Pacific West Region LWCF/UPARR Project Manager	(206) 220-4126	gloria_shinn@nps.gov 909 1st Avenue, 5th Floor Seattle, WA 98104-1060	
Oregon Department of Agriculture				
Point of Contact:	Jim Johnson Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator	(503) 986-4706	jjohnson@oda.state.or.us Natural Resources Division 635 Capitol Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301	
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality				
Letter mailed to:	Stephanie Hallock, Director	(503) 229-5300	Stephanie.Hallock@deq.state.or.us 811 SW Sixth Avenue Portland, OR 97204	
Point of Contact:	Barbara Cisneros, Program, Policy, and Project Assistance Division (CETAS Member)	(503) 229-5696	Cisneros.Barbara@deq.state.or.us 811 SW Sixth Avenue Portland, OR 97204	CETAS
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife				
Letter mailed to:	Roy Elicker, Director	(503) 947-6044	Roy.Elicker.state.or.us 3406 Cherry Ave. NE Salem, Oregon 97303	



Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail and Mailing Addresses	Salem River Crossing Project Team
Point of Contact:	Art Martin, Statewide ODOT Transportation Coordinator (CETAS Member)	(503) 947-6070	Art.C.Martin@state.or.us 17330 SE Evelyn Street Clackamas, OR 97015	CETAS
Oregon Department of State Lands				
Letter mailed to:	Louise Solliday, Director	(503) 378-3805 ext. 224	louise.c.solliday@dsl.state.or.us 775 Summer St. NE Salem, OR 97301-1279	
Point of Contact:	Russ Klassen, ODSL-ODOT Liaison (CETAS Member)	(503) 986-5244	russ.klassen@dsl.state.or.us 775 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301-1279	CETAS
Oregon Department of Transportation				
Point of Contact:	Dan Fricke Project Manager	(503) 986-2663	Daniel.L.Fricke@odot.state.or.us 455 Airport Road SE, Building B Salem, OR 97301	PMT
Point of Contact:	Rod Thompson Environmental Project Manager	(503) 986-2690	Rodney.Thompson@odot.state.or.us 455 Airport Road SE, Building B Salem, OR 97301	PMT
Oregon Economic and Community Development				
Letter mailed to:	Bob Repine Director	(503) 986-0110	bob.repine@state.or.us 775 Summer Street, NE Suite 200 Salem, OR 97301	
Point of Contact:	Ann Hanus		ann.hanus@state.or.us 775 Summer Street, NE Suite 200 Salem, OR 97301	
Oregon Water Resources Department				
Letter mailed to:	Phil Ward, Director	(503) 986-0910	phillip.c.ward@wrđ.state.or.us 725 Summer Street, NE Suite A Salem, OR 97301	
Point of Contact:	Bill Ferber	(503) 986-0893	william.e.ferber@state.or.us 725 Summer Street, NE Suite A Salem, OR 97301	
Polk County				
Letter mailed to:	Mike Propes, Chair, Board of Commissioners	(503) 623-8173	mikepropes50@hotmail.com 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	
Received a Copy:	Gene Clemens Acting Director Community Development	(503) 623-9237	clemens.gene@polk.co.or.us 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	
Point of Contact:	Austin McGuigan Community Development Director	(503) 623-9237	Mcguigan.austin@polk.co.or.us 820 Ash Street Dallas, OR 97338	Task Force



Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail and Mailing Addresses	Salem River Crossing Project Team
Received a Copy:	Sheriff Robert Wolfe	(503) 623-9251	Wolfe.robert@polk.co.or.us 850 Main Street Dallas, OR 97338	
Salem-Keizer School District				
Letter mailed to:	Sandy Husk Superintendent	(503) 399-3001	husk_sandy@salkeiz.k12.or.us PO Box 12024 Salem, OR 97309	
Point of Contact:	Ron DeWilde Director, Facilities Services	(503) 399-3097	dewilde_ron@salkeiz.k12.or.us 3630 State Street Salem, OR 97301	
Salem-Keizer Transit				
Letter mailed to:	Lloyd Chapman President, Board of Directors	(503) 588-2424	555 Court Street, NE Salem, OR 97301	Oversight Team
Point of Contact:	Glen Hadley Transportation Planner	(503) 588-2424	hadleyg@cherriots.org 555 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301	Task Force
Salem Urban Renewal Agency				
Letter mailed to:	Robert G. Wells Executive Director	(503) 588-6255	manager@cityofsalem.net 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 220 Salem, OR 97301	
Point of Contacts:	Rick Scott, Director	(503) 588-6178 ext. 7498	rscott@cityofsalem.net 350 Commercial Street NE Salem, OR 97301	
	Dan Riordan, Senior Project Manager	(503) 588-6178 ext. 7552	driordan@cityofsalem.net 350 Commercial Street NE Salem, OR 97301	
US Coast Guard				
Letter mailed to,	Captain Patrick Gerrity Sector Portland	(503) 240-9314	6767 N. Basin Avenue Portland, OR 97217	
Point of Contact:	William (Austin) Pratt Chief, Bridge Section	(206) 220-7282	William.A.Pratt@uscg.mil Thirteenth Coast Guard District 915 Second Avenue, Room 3510 Seattle, WA 97174-1067	
US Army Corps of Engineers				
Letter mailed to:	Col. Thomas E. O'Donovan, Commander/ District Engineer Portland District	(503) 808-4500	Thomas.E.O'Donovan@usace.army.mil 333 SW First Avenue P.O. Box 2946 Portland, OR 97208	
Point of Contact:	Dominic Yballe, ODOT- Corps Regulatory Liaison (CETAS Member)	(503) 808-4392	Dominic.P.Yballe@nwp01.usace.army.mil 333 SW First Avenue P.O. Box 2946 Portland, OR 97208	CETAS

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail and Mailing Addresses	Salem River Crossing Project Team
US Environmental Protection Agency				
Letter mailed to:	Ron Kreizenbeck, Acting Regional Administrator	(206) 553-1234	U.S. EPA, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101	
Point of Contact:	Yvonne Vallette, Wetlands/Watershed Coordinator (CETAS Member)	(503) 326-2716	Vallette.Yvonne@epa.gov 811 SW 6th Avenue 3rd Floor Portland, OR 97204	CETAS
US Fish and Wildlife Service				
Letter mailed to:	Ren Lohofener, Acting Pacific Regional Director	(503) 231-6828	911 NE 11th Ave Portland, OR 97232	
Point of Contact:	David Leal	(503) 231-6179	david_leal@fws.gov 2600 SE 98 th Ave, Suite 100 Portland, OR 97266	

COORDINATION POINTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

TABLE 2-6
Responsibilities of Lead, Cooperating, and Participating Agencies

Coordination Point	Information Out	Agency Responsible	Information In	Agency Responsible
Notice of Intent	Publish notice Federal Register; invite agencies and public to public scoping meeting	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on Notice of Intent within 30 days of information out	All cooperating and participating agencies
Purpose and Need ¹	Notify participating agencies and public of availability of draft purpose and need statement; solicit comments; hold scoping meeting	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on Purpose and Need within 30 days of information out	All cooperating and participating agencies
Range of Alternatives ¹	Notify participating agencies and public of availability of information regarding alternatives being considered; solicit comments	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on Range of Alternatives within 30 days of information out	All cooperating and participating agencies
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies ¹	Notify participating agencies of availability of draft impact assessment methodologies; solicit comments.	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on impact assessment methodologies within 30 days of information out	Cooperating Agencies
Circulation of Study Committee Draft EIS	Provide draft EIS to participating agencies	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on the Study Committee Draft EIS within 30 days of information out	All cooperating and participating agencies
Identification of Preferred Alternative	Notify participating agencies of the preferred alternative	FHWA ODOT City of Salem	Comments on the Preferred Alternative within 30 days of information out	All cooperating and participating agencies

¹ For CETAS signatory agencies, comments at these coordination points will be solicited through the CETAS Technical Team meetings for this project.

SECTION 3

PROJECT SCHEDULE

TABLE 3-1
Schedule of Key Project Milestones

Milestone	Anticipated Date
Notice of Intent	November 13, 2006
Purpose and Need	November, 22 2006
Range of Alternatives for Preliminary Evaluation	August 2007
Alternatives for EIS	December 2007
Collaboration on Impact Assessment Methodologies	January 2008
Circulation of Study Committee DEIS	Summer 2008
Identification of Preferred Alternative	Fall 2008
Circulation of FEIS	TBD
Issue Record of Decision	TBD

SECTION 4

REVISION HISTORY

As the Salem River Crossing Project progresses, revisions to this Coordination Plan will be documented in the table below.

TABLE 4-1
Coordination Plan Revision History

TABLE 4-1 Coordination Plan Revision History			
Version	Date	Document Name	Revision Description and Why Necessary
1	10/18/06	DRAFT SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	First Draft
2	01/26/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated to included responses to invitations to requests to be cooperating or participating agencies and to reflect comments from Agency Scoping Meeting on November 30, 2006
3	03/19/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated point of contact information and clarified agencies that declined the cooperating or participating agency invitation, but said would participate through CETAS
4	04/18/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated cooperating agency table to reflect Polk County as a cooperating agency
5	05/21/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated Table 2-4 and Appendix A to include Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on the Task Force as of May 2007. Also updated the format of the document.
6	8/3/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated participating agency table to reflect Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Table 2-3) as a participating agency, updated FEMA point of contact information (Table 2-5), and updated the project schedule (Table 3-1)
7	9/18/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated contact information for the FHWA Division Administrator
8	9/21/07	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated status of US Army Corps of Engineers from Participating to Cooperating status after receiving their acceptance letter.

TABLE 4-1
Coordination Plan Revision History

Version	Date	Document Name	Revision Description and Why Necessary
9	01/14/08	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated agency contact information in Table 2-5 (FHWA, USFWS, NMFS, USCG, FTA, ODFW, ODSL, and DEQ contact information), revised Table 2-6 to include the identification of a preferred alternative as a coordination point, and revised Table 3-1 to illustrate project schedule of coordination points.
10	10/9.09	SAFETEA-LU 6002 Coordination Plan	Updated agency contact information to include the National Park Service and alphabetized the contacts.

APPENDIX

This appendix provides a description of the project teams described by acronym in the tables of the Coordination Plan.

The decision-making structure for the Salem River Crossing Project is shown on Figure 2. The composition, roles, and responsibilities of each group are described below.

DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURE

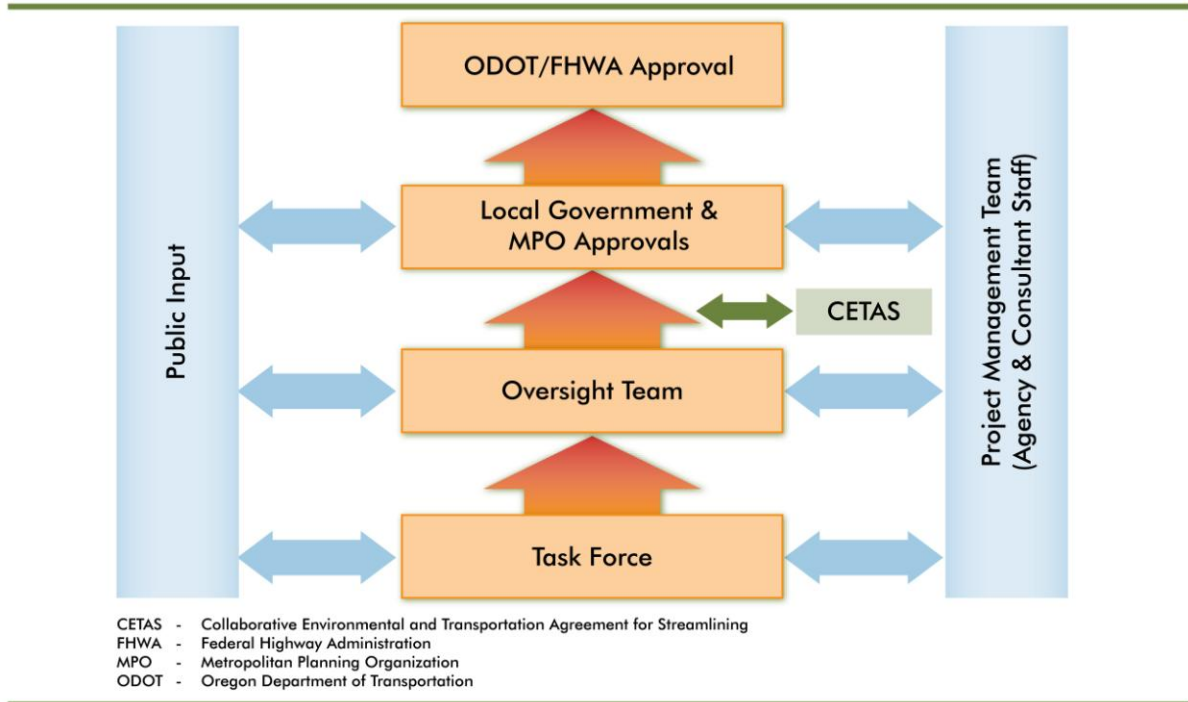


FIGURE 2
Decision-Making Structure

Collaborative Environmental and Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS)

CETAS has been established to streamline the environmental process among 10 state and federal agencies. This collaborative process is an effort to reduce redundancy and to identify solutions to resource constraints. The agencies include: the Oregon Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the US Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Oregon Department of State Lands.

The CETAS Major Transportation Projects Agreement (MTPA) applied to NEPA Class 1 and Class 3 projects has four points at which ODOT needs concurrence from regulatory agencies

signatory to the MTPA. These are (1) Purpose and Need (2) Range of Alternatives (3) Criteria for Selection, and (4) Preferred Alternative.

CETAS members have elected to participate in the MTPA process and these four concurrence points for the Salem River Crossing project.

Oversight Team

The Oversight Team (OT) includes elected or appointed officials of local agencies and jurisdictions with regulatory responsibility for or strong interest in the project.

Responsibilities of the OT include:

- Set the policy framework for the project.
- Represent the interests of their agencies or jurisdictions in group deliberations.
- Communicate project progress to their fellow elected or appointed officials, and to their constituents.
- Prepare for and participate in approximately 10 2-hour meetings between September 2006 and December 2008
- Review recommendations from the Task Force and other background materials and make decisions at the six decision points in the project.

Members of the OT will represent their organizations in making the first five of these decisions. For the sixth decision point (Preferred Alternative), the OT will recommend a preferred alternative to the Polk and Marion County Boards, Salem City Council, and SKATS for formal approval. The group will be comprised of:

- Sam Brentano, Marion County, County Commissioner
- Lloyd Chapman, Salem-Keizer Transit District, Board Chair
- Dan Clem, City of Salem, City Councilor
- Dave Cox and his successor, Phillip Ditzler (beginning September 4, 2007), FHWA, Division Administrator (non-voting member)
- Tom Ritchey, Polk County, County Commissioner
- Jeff Scheick, ODOT, Region Manager
- Richard Walsh, City of Keizer

Task Force

The Task Force (TF) will provide a balanced representation of stakeholder interests, affected communities, and geographic areas as well as a communication link with those interests and communities. Members will include leaders of neighborhoods on both sides of the river as well as representatives of local and regional business groups and advocates for different bridge user groups, including commuters, freight and transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists. Members will be appointed by ODOT and the City of Salem. Responsibilities of the TF members include:

- Represent their constituents' perspectives during group deliberations
- Communicate project progress with their constituents
- Prepare for and participate in approximately 16 3-hour meetings between October 2006 and December 2008
- Attend four public outreach events between fall of 2006 and December 2008

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- Working to develop consensus recommendations to the OT at each step in the decision process

The TF members will include representatives of the following organizations/interest groups:

Agencies:

- Tim Potter, ODOT
- Bob Cortright, Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Mike Jaffe, Mid-Willamete Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG)/Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS)
- Aaron Geisler, Polk County Public Works
- Cindy Schmitt, Marion County Public Works
- Mark Becketl, City of Salem Public Works
- Glenn Gross, City of Salem Community Development
- Chris Eppley, City of Keizer
- Glen Hadley, Salem-Keizer Transit District

Neighborhoods and Civic:

- Scott Erickson, Chair of West Salem Neighborhood Association
- Darlene Strozut, Highland Neighborhood Association Board Member
- Lorraine Pullman, Grant Neighborhood Association Board Member
- Tom Clark, West Salem Business

Interest Groups:

- Warren Bednarz, BAR Industries (Metro Area/Downtown Business)
- Doug Parrow, Bicycle Transportation Alliance
- Russell Beaton, PhD., Retired (Land Use Interest)
- Mark Brown, Bureau of Land Management (Natural Resource Interest)
- Leon Fisher, Siletz Trucking (Freight Interest)
- Mitch Teal, Commercial Investment Associates (Economic Development Interest)
- Ismael Perez, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Betsey Belshaw (Parks Interest)
- Mike Karnosh, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Project Management Team

The Project Management Team (PMT) will be comprised of ODOT, City of Salem and consultant project managers, with participation from other key staff resources from these agencies and the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments as needed. The PMT's responsibilities include:

- Management of project scope, schedule, and budget
- Direction, production, and quality assurance of technical and public/agency involvement work
- Assurance of an open, transparent process that incorporates full consideration of public input
- Staff support to the OT and TF

PMT members include:

- Dan Fricke/ODOT
- Julie Warncke/City of Salem
- Rod Thompson/ODOT
- Dave Simmons/CH2M HILL
- Marcy Schwartz/CH2M HILL
- Tim Burkhardt/CH2M HILL