

COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING

The Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Project is a multi-modal transportation alternatives analysis, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, that is evaluating transportation solutions to mobility problems within the I-5/Columbia River Bridge Influence area, a roughly five mile segment along Interstate 5 between State Route 500 in Washington and Columbia Boulevard in Oregon. The project is led by ODOT and WSDOT, with participation by project sponsors that include Metro. Metro has an intergovernmental agreement with WSDOT to perform a variety of services in support of the project including FTA coordination, travel demand forecasting and transportation analysis, development of transit alternatives and supporting the various project committees and working groups.

Accomplishments:

- A “fourth alternative” was added to the DEIS by the Task Force that includes retention of the existing I-5 bridge, addition of a new highway and transit bridge and increased transportation demand management and system management measures.
- Metro staff initiated travel demand forecasting for the DEIS
- Project staff continued development of the Main Street LRT alignment, and worked to optimize the Bus Rapid Transit and LRT alternatives for the DEIS
- Continued participated in discussions about transit including EMME2/VISSUM outputs for bus travel speeds and coordination/calibration, Portland bus mall capacity and routing issues and assumptions for CRC alternatives, LRT ridership, capital cost value engineering and bus rapid transit post-processing.
- Participated in weekly Project Development Team meetings and monthly Senior Staff meetings.