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Operating Procedures

Joint Transportation Committee's Columbia River Crossing Oversight Subcommittee

1. The Oversight Subcommittee was created to educate its members about the Columbia River Crossing project; to provide oversight for work on the project and financing plan; and to coordinate with the Oregon legislative oversight committee.
2. It is not envisioned that the Oversight Subcommittee will take votes on policy or fiscal matters. The Oversight Subcommittee will, however, provide insights and feedback to WSDOT.
3. All meetings will be open to the public and members of the press.
4. The Oversight Subcommittee will be chaired by a member of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), appointed by the JTC Executive Committee. The JTC Executive Committee has appointed Rep. Mike Armstrong as the chair of the Oversight Subcommittee.
5. Legislation creating the Oversight Subcommittee specifies membership to include four legislators, a citizen from the area served by the bridge, and a designee of the Governor. Other legislators are welcome to participate in the work of the Oversight Subcommittee.
6. WSDOT will report to the Oversight Subcommittee at each meeting, on topics specified in legislation as well as other topics identified by the subcommittee members and staff.
7. The Oversight Subcommittee was not created to provide a forum for the general public to offer testimony about the project. However, the Oversight Subcommittee may choose to receive limited public testimony. If it chooses to do so, testimony will be limited to no more than 3 minutes per person, for a specified length of time at the end of designated meetings.

Authorizing legislation, signed by the Governor March 23, 2012:

ESHB 2190, Section 204(7) *The Columbia River Crossing bridge project is a major initiative to address congestion problems on Interstate 5 between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington that requires support by not only the governors of both states but the legislatures as well. The joint transportation committee must convene a subcommittee for legislative oversight of the I-5/Columbia River Crossing bridge replacement project. The Columbia River Crossing legislative oversight subcommittee must be made up of six members, two appointed by the chair and ranking member of the senate transportation committee, two appointed by the chair and ranking member of the house of representatives transportation committee, one designee of the governor, and one citizen jointly appointed by the four members of the joint transportation executive committee. The citizen appointee must be a Washington state resident of the area served by the bridge. At least two of the legislative members must be from the legislative districts served by the bridge. In addition to reviewing project and financing information, the subcommittee must also coordinate with the Oregon legislative oversight committee for the Columbia River Crossing bridge.*