

## Columbia River Crossing Oversight Committee



ESHB 2190, sec 204(7) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to convene an oversight committee of at least six members, in order to educate legislators and others about Columbia River Crossing project, and to improve the flow of information between WSDOT and the legislative branch. The primary purposes of the Oversight Committee are education and oversight. WSDOT will report to the oversight committee at each meeting, on issues including the following:

- Cost estimates
- Rights of way purchases and procurement schedules
- Financing plans, including projected traffic volumes, fuel and gas price assumptions, toll rates, costs of toll collections, and the potential need for general transportation funding
- Any other relevant issues concerning the project and its financing.

The Washington Oversight Committee will coordinate with the Oregon CRC Oversight Committee. WSDOT must conduct a traffic and revenue analysis according to specifics outlined in ESHB 2190, and consult with the Oversight Committee, Washington Transportation Commission and ODOT in conducting the analysis.

By January 1, 2013, WSDOT shall provide the Oversight Committee a phased master plan for the project.

Oversight committee members include:

- Two legislators appointed by the Senate Transportation Committee chair and ranking member
- Two legislators appointed by the House Transportation Committee chair and ranking member
- One member appointed by the Governor
- A citizen who lives in the area served by the bridge, appointed jointly by the four JTC members.

At least two of the legislators must be from legislative districts served by the bridge.

<b>APPOINTEES TO CRC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>House</b>	<b>District</b>
Rep. Ann Rivers	18 <sup>th</sup> (La Center)
Rep. Jim Moeller	49 <sup>th</sup> (Vancouver)
Rep. Mike Armstrong	12 <sup>th</sup> (Wenatchee)
Rep. Judy Clibborn	41 <sup>st</sup> (Mercer Island)
<b>Senate</b>	
Sen. Tracey Eide	30 <sup>th</sup> (Federal Way)
Sen. Curtis King	14 <sup>th</sup> (Yakima)
<b>Governor</b>	
Paula Hammond	Secretary of Transportation
<b>Citizen from area served by the bridge in Washington</b>	To be determined

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## Proposed meetings and draft agenda items

### Meeting #1. June 19<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver City Hall

- 10:00 AM      Introductions  
Review mission, schedule, format for meetings
- 10:15 AM      Columbia River Crossing Project Background
- Project Overview
  - Project Cost Estimate Overview
  - Presentation and discussion of quarterly report\*, including funding levels provided by each state
  - Description of ESSB 6445 and CRC-related provisos adopted in 2012.
- 11:00 AM      Summary of Financial Plan: State, Federal and Tolling Assumptions, appropriations to-date from all sources
- Noon – 2PM    Project tour aboard a C-Tran bus
- Boxed lunches provided
  - Project staff discuss the project
  - Presentation by Port of Vancouver on the importance of the project to the Port
  - C-Tran Executive Director discussion of C-Tran-related issues
- 2:00 PM      Update from Oregon’s Legislative Oversight Committee
- Three co-chairs of Oregon Oversight Committee will be invited
  - Activity by Oregon Legislature and Executive Branch
  - Activity by the Oversight Committee, and planned future activity
- 2:30 PM      Summary of Upcoming WSDOT Work
- Traffic and Revenue Study
  - Bridge Height Resolution Plan
  - Project Phasing Options
  - Next Stage of Federal Transit Administration Process
  - Governance Proposal
  - C-Tran Expert Review Panel
- 3:45 PM      Discuss schedule, topics and participants for future meetings
- 4:00 PM      Adjourn

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\* *ESHB 2190, Sec 305(17)(b) directs WSDOT to prepare a quarterly report beginning 3/31/12 to include an update on preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the previous quarter and planned acquisition for the ensuing quarter; an updated comparison of appropriations and expenditures by each state; and Oregon funding committed to right-of-way acquisition.*

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**Meeting # 2 Early August**

- a. Presentation and discussion of quarterly report, including funding levels provided by each state
- b. Detailed project briefing including status of Coast Guard permit on bridge height
- c. Potential construction phasing
- d. Updated cost estimates
- e. Right of way purchases
- f. Update on C-Tran ERP work and planned ballot measure
- g. Description of the relationship and impacts of the completed project with the Ports of Vancouver and Portland.
- h. Potential discussion also with other ports (or Washington Public Ports Association) about the importance of the completed project to ports such as Walla Walla, Pasco, others

**Meeting #3 Early October**

- a. Presentation and discussion of quarterly report, including funding levels provided by each state
- b. Detailed finance plan discussion, including status of updated traffic and revenue work, tolling and bonding assumptions
- c. Description of Federal TIFIA loan process, and status of loan request
- d. Description of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) process, and status of grant request
- e. Discussion of toll revenue bonds, and the potential need for a bonding resolution in 2013

**Meeting #4 Early December**

- a. Presentation and discussion of quarterly report
- b. Governance, including participation by Washington and Oregon Transportation Commission members
- c. WSDOT to present phased master plan

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**Study staff**

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