

Marine Drive Stakeholder Group

The 18-member Marine Drive Stakeholder Group met six times between September 2008 and September 2009 to advise the project on designs to improve the safety and traffic operations of the Marine Drive interchange.

Addressing the challenge of freight, automobile, pedestrian and bicycle travel around Marine Drive

The Marine Drive interchange moves the highest volume of freight trucks in Oregon. It connects I-5 to the Port of Portland's Terminal 6, Expo Center, other industrial and distribution facilities as well as nearby recreation sites and neighborhoods. The current Marine Drive interchange affects all travelers: freight trucks hampered by steep ramps and pedestrians and bicyclists must follow circuitous routes from North Portland to the Columbia River.

Recommended improvements

This diverse group of stakeholders recommended a new alignment in fall of 2009 that calls for the interchange to be rebuilt with additional ramps to improve safety. The alignment will enhance freight and vehicle safety and mobility, improve local street connections, avoid and minimize impacts to nearby wetlands and allow for future open space development. Pedestrian and bicycle access around the interchange will be more direct and easier to follow.

The recommendations in their final report were moved forward for additional design work and analysis for inclusion in the Columbia River Crossing Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Members

Steve Bates, CRC Freight Working Group, Portland Freight Committee
Corky Collier, Columbia Corridor Association
Kate Deane, Portland Development Commission
Val Humble, East Columbia Neighborhood Association
Neil McFarlane, TriMet
Jeff Nudelman, Harsch Investment
Kurt Redd, Diversified Marine
Shayna Rehberg, CRC Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Steve Rupert, Kenton Neighborhood Association
Bob Russell, Oregon Trucking Association
Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland
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Jeff Stuhr, CRC Urban Design Advisory Group
Cheryl Twete, Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission
Walter Valenta, Bridgeton Neighborhood Association
Kathryn Williams, Port of Portland
Joe Zehnder, Portland Bureau of Planning

Previous Meetings

- 9/30/2009 9:00-12:00 PM
- 3/11/2009 8:00-10:00 AM
- 1/28/2009 10:00-11:30 AM
- 12/16/2008 9:00-11:00 AM
- 11/12/2008 9:00-11:00 AM
- 9/24/2008 3:00-5:00 PM