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Columbia River Crossing Task Force to Meet January 4

VANCOUVER – The Columbia River Crossing Task Force will meet on Wednesday, January 4. The Task Force, co-chaired by Dr. Hal Dengerink and Henry Hewitt, will discuss criteria to help measure the effectiveness of proposed project alternatives. Project staff will provide an update briefing on the history and scope of the Columbia River Crossing project.

Columbia River Crossing Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

4:30-6 pm

WSDOT Southwest Region Headquarters

11018 NE 51st Circle

Vancouver, WA 98668

The public is welcome to attend and may address the Task Force.

The 39-member Task Force includes leaders from Oregon and Washington's community, business, civic, neighborhood, freight, commuter and environmental agencies and groups. The Task Force will consider a variety of issues including congestion, freight movement, high capacity transit, environmental issues, and funding concerning a new or improved river crossing between Portland and Vancouver. The Task Force will meet frequently over the next two to three years, through the duration of the project's environmental process. Task Force meeting materials are available on-line: www.columbiarivercrossing.org/

Task Force meeting locations are accessible to people with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling the project office at 360-737- 2726 or 503-256-2726.

C-TRAN Directions: From Downtown Vancouver (7th Street Transit Center) take Bus #32 (Evergreen/Andresen) eastbound to the Vancouver Mall Transit Center. Transfer to Bus #80 (Van Mall/Fisher's) eastbound to 49th and 112th Avenue. WSDOT Region Headquarters is 2 blocks north of this bus stop.

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