

Bi-State Citizen Advisory Committee

The Bi-State Citizen Advisory Committee is being formed in early 2012. As the project moves from preliminary planning to refining designs and pre-construction planning, feedback is needed from diverse perspectives in a coordinated, timely manner. The committee will be composed of approximately 30 community members with 12-15 members selected from each state. Members will be responsible for advising the CRC staff, representing stakeholder organizations, and communicating routinely with their constituencies. An opportunity for public comment will be provided at each meeting. The full committee will meet about once or twice a year and will report to the CRC director and deputy director.

Vancouver and Portland Working Committees

The bi-state committee will have two working committees. Vancouver and Portland subcommittees, each composed of the bi-state committee members from each state, will meet 10-12 times per year. They will provide input on local, on-the-ground improvements, serve as a conduit to neighborhoods and stakeholder interest groups, and support community outreach efforts. Work topics could include:

- Preliminary engineering design refinements
 - Transit
 - Interchanges
 - Local street, bike and pedestrian improvements
 - Freight movement
- Safety and security planning
- Landscaping
- Corridor aesthetics
- Construction planning and work zones
- Outreach and communication tools

The project is seeking representation from the following:

- Neighborhoods adjacent to project construction
- Demographic groups within the project area (income, minority, etc)
- Freight community
- Pedestrian/bike interests
- Urban planning/design
- Transit dependent populations from Vancouver and Hayden Island
- Small/local/minority owned businesses
- Environmental advocates
- Large employers/commute trip reduction manager
- Persons with disabilities
- Minority contracting community

Member selection and term limits

CRC will strive for a diverse membership that represents stakeholder interests in the CRC project area. Committee members will be selected by the Project Sponsors Council citizen co-chairs in consultation with the CRC Director and Deputy Director. Members will serve for a one or two year term.

Application process

The CRC invites interested community members to complete a brief application form (for best results save the PDF form to your desktop, fill it out, save your form, then submit). Send completed applications to feedback@columbiarivercrossing.com or by mail to Columbia River Crossing, 700 Washington Street, Ste. 300, Vancouver, WA 98660. Application forms are also available at the Columbia River Crossing project office (see address above). Questions about the committee itself can be directed to Karyn Criswell at 360-816-2170 or orcriswellk@columbiarivercrossing.org.