

Task Force Vision and Values Statement

Final Draft

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PURPOSE

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force Vision and Values Statement provides the foundation for developing criteria and performance measures that will be used to evaluate the I-5 Bridge Influence Area alternatives. The Columbia River Crossing Project NEPA process will include consideration of: crossing infrastructure; multimodal transportation; connectivity; high capacity transit; land use; funding; community and business interests; under-represented, low income and minority communities; commuter and freight mobility; maritime mobility; and the environment.

VISION

The Columbia River Crossing project will be developed through an inclusive and collaborative process that considers and gives weight to the work of the I-5 Trade and Transportation Partnership and delivers a financially feasible solution that sustains and stimulates a healthy community by addressing its mobility and transportation needs, increasing its business success and family prosperity, protecting its natural resources, and enhancing its quality of life.

VALUES

The Columbia River Crossing project should reach this vision through:

Community Livability

- Supporting a healthy community.
- Supporting a healthy and vibrant land use mix of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, cultural, and historic areas.
- Supporting aesthetic quality that achieves a regional landmark.
- Recognizing the history of the community surrounding the I-5 bridge influence area, supporting improved community cohesion, and avoiding neighborhood disruption.
- Preserving parks, historic and cultural resources, and green spaces.

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Mobility, Reliability, Accessibility, Congestion Reduction and Efficiency

- Providing congestion reduction and mobility, reliability, and accessibility for all users, and recognizing the requirements of local, intra-corridor, and interstate movement now and in the future.

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- Providing an efficient transportation system through transportation system management, encouraging reduced reliance on single occupant vehicles, incident management, and increased capacity measures.

Modal Choice

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- Providing modal choice for users of the crossing, including highway, transit, high-capacity transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes.

Safety

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- Ensuring safety for vehicles (trucks, autos, emergency, and transit), pedestrians, bicyclists, river users, and air traffic at the crossing.

Regional Economy; Freight Mobility

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- Supporting a sound regional economy and job growth.
- Enhancing the I-5 corridor as a global trade gateway by addressing the need to move freight efficiently and reliably through the I-5 bridge influence area, and allowing for river navigational needs.

Stewardship of Natural and Human Resources

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- Respecting, protecting, and improving natural resources including fish, wildlife habitat, and water quality.
- Supporting improved air quality.
- Minimizing impacts of noise, light, and glare.
- Supporting energy efficiency through design, construction, and use.

Distribution of Impacts and Benefits

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- Ensuring the fair distribution of benefits and adverse effects of the project for the region, communities, and neighborhoods adjacent to the project area.

Cost Effectiveness and Financial Resources

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- Ensuring cost effectiveness in design, construction, maintenance, and operation.
- Ensuring a reliable funding plan for the project.

Bi-State Cooperation

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- Fostering regional cooperation and planning.
- Supporting existing growth management plans in both states.
- Supporting balanced job growth.