

## Where We've Been

In the past month, CRC staff has been to the following events. The number of people reached is in parentheses.

### Neighborhoods

#### Oregon:

- Piedmont Neigh. Assn. (20)
- Slavic Coalition (9)

#### Washington:

- Vancouver Heights Neigh. Assn. (15)
- Fairway/164<sup>th</sup> Neigh. Assn. (13)
- Shumway Neigh. Assn. (41)
- Meadow Homes Neigh Assn (13)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House at the Public Safety Complex, Clark County Fairgrounds (20)
- Washington Grange (8)

### Other

- Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust (20)
- Portland Design Concepts Workshop (28)
- Metro Council (7)
- Task Force Meeting (17)
- EJ Training (13)
- The Oregon Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Assn. (27)
- African American Community Unity Breakfast (40)
- US Coast Guard Open House and Public Hearing (60)

## The Totals

351 people reached in this one month period.

3,138 people reached since March 1, 2006.

## What Else Is Happening?

### Design Concepts Workshops

The Portland Design Workshop occurred Sept. 25 at OAME with 28 neighborhood and business leaders attending. City Commissioner Sam Adams gave the opening statement. A "mini" design workshop was held Oct. 5 for Shumway Neighborhood Assn. and attracted largest attendance at a design workshop with 41 present. Great feedback was received. Results from the three workshops held will soon be on the Web.

### Focus Groups

The Vancouver focus group was held October 17, and received participation by 18 likely voters. We heard feedback about highway and transit issues in the region which will be used to develop questions for an upcoming survey. The Portland focus group is scheduled for October 23, 2006. Summaries for each of the focus groups will be available in early November.

### Community and Environmental Justice Group

Nationally recognized Environmental Justice (EJ) expert Running Grass led a workshop and training on EJ issues for the CRC project on Saturday, September 30. The training gave the 13 participants from the Task Force, Community and Environmental Justice Group, and community members a better understanding of Environmental Justice. Strategies for addressing Environmental Justice concerns and identifying specific EJ issues facing the project were also topics of discussion. The Community and Environmental Justice Group will meet on Thursday, October 19 and Thursday, November 30.

### Outreach Materials

- The CRC **newsletter**, Bridgenews, arrived in 9,800 mail boxes in late September. The newsletter has been translated into Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese. Locations for

foreign language distribution are being developed by the CEJ group.

- Changes to the most frequently used **traveling displays** have been made. These updates will help focus attention on the two most critical decisions the CRC project is facing now, bridge and transit options. A display is currently at the Fort Vancouver library and has received positive feedback and generated many written comments. In November the display will move to Portland Community College and Jantzen Beach Moorage.
- The electronic CRC **monthly update** for October was distributed October 19.
- A **Podcast** is being developed to target the age 15 - 25 audience. It will be hosted on a number of popular websites viewed by this age group.

## Media Coverage

### Traffic issues get left behind

James Mayer

*The Oregonian* - October 17, 2006

### City halts Hayden Island projects for 6 months

Anna Griffin

*The Oregonian* - October 5, 2006

### PDX Update - Development

Tribune staff

*The Portland Tribune* - Oct 5, 2006

### Opinion - Freeway canyon: Put a lid on it

Tom Koenniger (editor emeritus)

*The Columbian* – October 4, 2006

### In our view: Tolls Recommended

Columbian editorial writers

*The Columbian* – September 29, 2006

### Is it time for a toll on the I-5 bridge?

KATU.com - September 28, 2006

### Put I-5 toll on fast track, report hints

Thomas Rhyll

*The Columbian* – September 28, 2006

### I-5 bridge's age either boon or bane

James Mayer

*The Oregonian* – September 28, 2006

### State commission endorses toll roads

Journal staff

*Daily Journal of Commerce* – September 26, 2006

### State Transportation Study Calls for Toll Roads

Jay Patrick

*Kitsap Sun* - September 22, 2006

### River traffic complexity big obstacle for a bridge

Howard Buck

*The Columbian* - September 22, 2006

## What We're Hearing

- Comments were received from 22 emails and five neighborhood association meetings. Some comments included:
  - Support for covering the freeway to connect downtown with historic reserve.
  - Two complaints over length of time to develop solution.
  - Make sure bridge has sufficient number of lanes to handle future traffic.
  - Give transit higher priority than cars and enhance freight access to ensure region's economic health.
  - Change I-5 alignment in North Portland to go near Portland Int'l Raceway and Expo Center to be least disruptive.
  - Add a roundabout on the east side of the Marine that would address the complex intersections of Marine Drive, MLK and local access.
  - Support for ideas that would reduce merging and weaving via lane change restrictions or an expressway concept from Hazel Dell south.
  - Favor any option that would feed SR 14 directly onto I-5 without having to exit onto local/arterial streets like is required now.
  - Commuters don't want to be downtown. Keep transit alignment on I-5 to allow commute to be as quick as possible.
  - Questions about tolling.
  - There should be a truck-only tunnel under the city with access to both ports.
  - BRT would be better for Clark County.