

## SECTION 9

# Agency Consultations

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This section summarizes ODOT's consultations with other agencies since release of the EA in December 2005.

## Agency Comments on the Environmental Assessment

The following public agencies prepared comments on the EA:

- TriMet
- Portland Freight Committee
- Portland Development Commission
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Heritage Division
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Wetlands and Waterways Conservation Division, Department of State Lands
- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

Agency comments and ODOT's responses are documented in Section 6, Response to Public and Agency Comments.

## Selection of the Preferred Alternative

### ODOT Project Hearings Panel

The ODOT Project Hearings Panel consisted of the following representatives of other agencies and jurisdictions:

- City of Portland Commissioner: Sam Adams
- Director of Portland Office of Transportation: Sue Keil
- Metro Councilor: Rex Burkholder
- Mayor, City of Vancouver, Washington: Royce Pollard

ODOT representatives on the Hearings Panel were:

- ODOT Deputy Region 1 Manager: Charlie Sciscione
- ODOT Technical Services Manager/Chief Engineer: Cathy Nelson

After the Public Hearing, the Hearings Panel received the recommendations of the ODOT Project Development Team, City of Portland Technical Advisory Committee, and Project Advisory Group for Revised Alternative 2. The Hearings Panel concurred in this recommendation.

### Bi-State Coordinating Committee

The Bi-State Coordinating Committee adopted the recommendation of the Hearings Panel on May 18, 2006.

## Portland City Council

The Portland City Council adopted the recommendation of the Hearings Panel on May 24, 2006.

## Metro

Metro adopted the recommendation of the Hearings Panel on June 8, 2006.

Metro concluded that ODOT's decision about whether the southbound lane on I-5 should be a general-purpose, HOV, or managed lane should be made in concert with the Columbia River Crossing project, or before the opening of the new lane of traffic.

## CETAS

At its concurrence point for a preferred alternative, CETAS requested that ODOT provide additional information on project wetland and riparian impacts. ODOT provided this additional information to CETAS at a meeting on May 16, 2006, and has included this information in the "Wetland" subsection of Section 4, Additions and Changes to the Environmental Assessment.

## City of Portland Type II Environmental Review and Permit

On March 13, May 25, and June 23, ODOT met with the City of Portland Bureau of Development Services to discuss the development of the Type II Environmental Review application. ODOT has since completed a draft Type II Permit. Because completion and submittal of a Type II Permit application requires final design information, ODOT will submit a final application to the City of Portland when final design of the Preferred Alternative is completed, following the release of this REA.

## National Marine Fisheries Service

ODOT submitted a Biological Assessment to NMFS on January 27, 2006. NMFS provided a Biological Opinion to ODOT on November 15, 2006.

## Required Permits

This project will require the following permits to advance:

- Section 404 Joint Removal/Fill Permit, COE and DSL
- Biological Opinion, NMFS (provided by NMFS November 15, 2006)
- Type II Environmental Review Permit, City of Portland BDS
- Screening of Structures, City of Portland
- Design Review of structure and Noise Wall, City of Portland