

Region 1
2008-2011 Development STIP
Modernization Project Identification and Summary Report

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Project Name: I-5 Columbia River Crossing (Portland/Vancouver)

Key Number: 13136

Project Location: I-5 at the Columbia River (No map provided)

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$ 16,833,000
 Planning: \$ 4,091,000
 PE: \$ 11,932,000

Project Description: Project is to develop a locally preferred option to provide additional capacity for vehicles and high-occupancy transit in the I-5 corridor to address a major traffic bottleneck at the Columbia River. Project will include construction cost estimates and financing strategies. Project is listed in the Metro RTP and Portland TSP.

Project Eligibility: The project is consistent with the OTC-approved definition of a D-STIP project because while the need for improvements to the I-5 corridor have been identified, further analysis and public involvement work is required to arrive at a preferred alternative. Improving the Columbia River I-5 crossing is a project of statewide significance. The milestone to be achieved is the selection of a locally preferred option for implementation, along with cost estimates and a financing strategy.

Project Prioritization: The need for the I-5 crossing project was established through a bi-state process with extensive technical analysis and public involvement, in which Metro's technical and policy advisory committees were fully engaged.

The project supports OHP policies 1B, 1C, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2A, 2D, 2F, 4A, 4B, 4C and 5A. The construction of the I-5 crossing could be financed through a combination of funding from federal, state (Washington and Oregon) and local sources.

The project may leverage \$6 million federal earmark from ODOT and a requested \$10 million federal earmark from WashDOT.