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RE: Columbia River Crossing Quarterly Report ESHB 2190 Sec 305(17)

Dear Senator Haugen, Representative Clibborn, and Director Brown:

Section 305, subsection (17) of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2190 requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide a quarterly report on Washington's and Oregon's funding commitments and expenditures for the Columbia River Crossing project. The report is to include the following information:

1. An update on preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the previous quarter;
2. Planned objectives for right-of-way and preliminary engineering for the ensuing quarter;
3. An updated comparison of the total appropriation authority for the project by state;
4. An updated comparison of the total expenditures to date on the project by state; and
5. The committed funding provided by the state of Oregon to right-of-way acquisition.

This letter transmits to you the first quarterly report on the project as required by the proviso. As this is the first report, we apologize for the delay in getting it to you. We plan on sending all future reports prior to the end of the month following each calendar quarter.

As you are aware, Washington and Oregon have entered into an agreement whereby costs are shared for the design and construction of the shared highway and transit portions of the project. Additionally, each state is responsible for its own right-of-way acquisition costs.

It is important to note that not all expenditures incurred by Oregon are reflected in Washington State's Transportation Budget. There are expenditures related to Oregon's commitment to the project that run exclusively through Oregon's financial systems and will not show in the project information routed through the budget process. This information has been provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation and is reflected separately in the attached report.

Below is a table that shows a high-level breakdown of the shared and non-shared components of the project's funding.

	State	Washington Federal	Total	State	Oregon Federal	Total
Shared^{1,2}						
Preliminary Engineering	47,003,000	30,740,000	77,743,000	11,732,148	87,397,847	99,129,995
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total⁴	47,003,000	30,740,000	77,743,000	11,732,148	87,397,847	99,129,995
			44%			56%
Direct Contribution (Non-shared)						
Right-of-way ³	1,985,000	45,144,000	47,129,000	0	0	0
Sub-Total	1,985,000	45,144,000	47,129,000	0	0	0
			100%			0%
Total	48,988,000	75,884,000	124,872,000	11,732,148	87,397,847	99,129,995
			56%			44%

Notes:

1. Costs are shared with Oregon for bridges, approaches, and transit elements
2. Oregon's preliminary engineering funding is shown as local funds in Washington's Budget
3. Oregon's right-of-way costs are not shown in Washington's Budget
4. Oregon's total does not include \$25 million identified for the CRC yet to be authorized

The proviso further identifies that \$15 million of the Columbia River Crossing budget be placed in un-allotted status until the state of Oregon's contribution of shared expenses are within \$5 million of Washington's. As you can see based on the table above, that criteria has been met. In the upcoming weeks, we will be pursuing the approval of those funds for allotment through OFM.

Please let me know if you have questions on this report or on how commitments and expenditures are split between Washington and Oregon. I can be reached at (360)705-7121 or via e-mail at alexanja@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Columbia River Crossing

Quarterly Report Ending March 2012

Provided in accordance with ESHB 2190, Section 305(17)

Project Description

The Columbia River Crossing project will help address significant safety and congestion problems along Interstate 5 between Vancouver and Portland, a critical freight corridor between Canada and Mexico. A replacement bridge with light rail was chosen as the locally preferred alternative in 2008 because it best addresses the challenges identified through the federal environmental review process: Heavy congestion, a high volume of collisions, problems moving freight, lack of a reliable transit option and seismic risk. The project will reduce congestion on I-5 and adjacent neighborhoods, reduce collisions by 70 percent, and provide a more reliable trip for interstate and international commerce that crosses the Interstate Bridge each year. In 2005, truck freight with an estimated value of \$40 billion was calculated to cross the Interstate Bridge.

(i) Update on preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities this quarter:

The Columbia River Crossing project received the federal Record of Decision Dec. 7, 2011. This quarter, (January-March 2012) activities transitioned from the planning phase to the pre-construction phase, where work focused on permitting, construction planning and financial planning. Specific accomplishments included:

- Completed Washington State Environmental Policy Act process with closure of appeal period for Notice of Action Taken.
- Developed process with U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers related to permit application for General Bridge Permit.
- Began work on drilled shaft/driven pile pre-construction test project to increase knowledge about soil strength and stability for bridge foundations.
- Completed subsurface utility engineering phase one field work.
- Developed list of potential construction contract packages.
- Completed project utility relocation schedule.
- Submitted Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan to Federal Transit Administration, as required for federal transit funding application.
- Supported meetings of Oregon Legislative Oversight Committee on CRC.
- Received tolling authorization from Washington Legislature for replacement bridge facility.

(ii) Planned objectives for preliminary engineering and right-of-way next quarter:

Activities for the next quarter (April – June, 2012) will continue to center on pre-construction activities, with the primary focus on financial planning and those activities necessary to remain competitive for the federal New Starts transit funding administered by the FTA. Planned activities include:

- Continue river user data collection and begin impact analysis related to General Bridge Permit.
- Continue drilled shaft/driven pile test project. Project completion expected in July 2012.
- Complete 30 percent (preliminary engineering) transit design.
- Identify conflicts and potential resolution options related to sub-surface utilities.
- Conduct Cost Estimate Validation Process workshop.
- Support FTA risk assessment workshop.
- Develop and provide information to Oregon Legislative Oversight Committee on CRC.
- Support initial meeting and project tour of the Washington Legislative Oversight Committee on CRC.

(iii) Total appropriation by State:

Washington			Oregon		
	2011-13	Total		2011-13	Total
State	8,253,000	48,988,000	State	2,537,571	11,732,148
Federal ¹	54,195,304	75,884,000	Federal ¹	27,850,834	87,397,847
Total	62,448,304	124,872,000	Total	30,388,405	99,129,995

¹ \$7.5 million of the Corridor of the Future funding is shown in Oregon's federal appropriation amount, which causes Washington's federal appropriation in 2011-13 to differ from 12LEGFIN.

(iv) Project expenditures through March, 2012:

	Washington	Oregon
Shared Expenditures		
Preliminary Engineering	68,864,600	69,624,927
Construction		
Shared Expenditures Sub-total¹	68,864,600	76,301,655
Non-Shared Expenditures		
Right of Way	0	0
Non-Shared Expenditures Sub-Total	0	0
TOTAL	68,864,600	76,301,655

¹ Includes \$6,676,728 in expenditures paid directly by ODOT that are not processed through WSDOT's accounting system

(v) Funds committed by the state of Oregon to right-of-way acquisition:

Oregon has not committed funds to acquire right-of-way.