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Public Input on Potential I-5 Corridor Transportation Improvements Sought at Two Open Houses

VANCOUVER – The Portland/Vancouver I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership is hosting two open houses to gather input from the public on potential transportation improvements in the I-5 corridor between I-84 in Oregon and I-205 in Washington.

Working draft recommendations for the I-5 corridor were approved by the I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership Task Force on January 29, 2002. These recommendations include:

- A phased light rail loop in Clark County
- More I-5 capacity across the Columbia River
- Interchange improvements and more

Over the last few months, additional work has been completed to better understand the benefits and impacts of potential highway and transit improvements between State Route 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland and to develop additional working draft recommendations on land use, environmental justice, transportation demand management, heavy rail, commuter rail and financing options. Presentations on and discussions about this work will take place at the May open houses. Input from the public will be requested. All interested members of the public are invited to attend, and children are welcome.

Washington Open House

Tuesday, May 7, 2002
4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jim Parsley Center (formerly Bagley Center)
2901 Falk Road in Vancouver

Oregon Open House

Wednesday, May 8, 2002
4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Kaiser Town Hall
3704 N. Interstate Avenue in Portland

The Task Force will meet on May 21, 2002 to review the feedback generated by the May 7 and 8 open houses and to approve the final draft recommendations for the last round of public review in early June. The final Task Force meeting will be on June 18. At that meeting, the Task Force will vote to adopt the final recommendations.

The Portland/Vancouver I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership is a bi-state planning project managed by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation. Designed to respond to concerns about growing congestion in I-5 between Portland and Vancouver, the project brings together citizens and leaders from both states to develop a strategic plan for the corridor. The 28-member Task Force, convened by Governors Gary Locke and John Kitzhaber, is made up of business, elected and community representatives. For more information, please visit the study's web site at www.I-5partnership.com.

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