

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

**1. Project Title (e.g. Interstate 5 Trade Corridor):**

I-5 Columbia River Crossing, Oregon

**2. Organization name and address (if the project is to be carried out in a location that is different from the grantee address, please provide that city and state):**

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**3. Primary contact name, phone number, and e-mail:**

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**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

**5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is a state government agency whose mission is to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

The Interstate 5 (I-5) bridge over the Columbia River and its approaches cause the worst traffic congestion in the Portland/Vancouver metro region and form one of the key bottlenecks on the I-5 trade corridor, a key national freight route. Congestion on this crucial corridor lasts more than four hours a day, stranding motorists in their cars, stalling buses in gridlock, and delaying freight moving up the freeway by truck. By 2030, stop and go traffic is projected to increase to 15 hours a day, and congestion will become a nearly permanent daytime condition.

The Columbia River Crossing project is developing multi-modal solutions that will significantly reduce congestion and safety problems while improving mobility, reliability, and accessibility for all users of this section of freeway, whether they're traveling by

automobile, truck, transit, bicycle, or on foot. Oregon and Washington are cooperating to design a new bridge that will have increased highway capacity and incorporate high-capacity transit.

In January, the project team recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative that will include replacing the Interstate Bridge and extending light rail to Hayden Island and Vancouver. Requested funding will be used to begin preliminary engineering and purchase right of way so the project can be built when construction funding is available.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations in past fiscal years?:**

Yes.

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department Account and funding amount of any previous funding**

FY 2009: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program, \$3 million request, FY 2009 Appropriations bill yet to be adopted (\$3 million in Senate version)

FY 2008: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program, \$750,000

FY 2007: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program, \$15 million (discretionary grant)

FY 2006: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Surface Transportation Projects Program, \$800,000

FY 2005: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: High Priority Project, \$14.22 million, Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)

FY 2003: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Borders and Corridors Program, \$3,000,000

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayers money? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Interstate 5 is the most important west coast route for the movement of people and freight. I-5 is a national High Priority Corridor and the only continuous interstate highway connecting markets from Canada to Mexico on the West Coast. This project addresses a major bottleneck on that interstate and international corridor and thus advances the federal responsibility of providing a safe and efficient transportation system that promotes American's economic growth and competitiveness domestically and internationally. Improving the I-5 connection between Oregon and Washington is essential to maintaining and enhancing the economic growth and vitality of Oregon and

the Portland metropolitan region. The hundreds of millions of dollars that would be expended each year during project construction will sustain thousands of jobs in Oregon.

**10. Will you request funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?:**

Yes. ODOT is requesting funding for the project from Oregon Senator Ron Wyden and Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will request funding from Congressman Brian Baird.

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost:**

\$3.1-4.2 billion for all highway, bridge, bicycle/pedestrian, and transit elements of the project.

**b. FY 2010 federal request:**

\$3,000,000

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project of activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

The funding needed to complete the project will come from a variety of sources, including the states of Oregon and Washington, federal highway and transit programs, and tolls. At this time, the amounts to be provided by the respective sources are still in the process of being determined. To date, the State of Oregon has contributed \$5 million to the project and the State of Washington has contributed \$50 million.

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?**

Yes. ODOT and WSDOT expect to request \$400-600 million in federal highway discretionary funding between FY 2011 and the project's completion in 2017 or later.

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

All requested funding will be used for design and right of way.

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Port of Portland  
Portland Business Association  
Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), Portland Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Associated Oregon Industries  
Oregon Business Association  
Columbia Pacific Building Trades

For a more complete list of supporters, go to [www.crossingcoalition.com/crc\\_sprtrs.aspx](http://www.crossingcoalition.com/crc_sprtrs.aspx).

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the recipient organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):**

Yes. ODOT will be able to use any funds that are secured to complete a portion of design and right of way acquisition, with the remainder of the work being funded out of other sources.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:  
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