

# Public Involvement

## *An Essential Component to The I-405 Corridor Program*



### ***How are citizens involved in the I-405 Program?***

Public involvement is an important and essential process in the development of the I-405 Corridor Program.

During the three-year program development process, the Executive Committee appointed a Citizens Committee and approved a detailed community and agency involvement plan that supported dissemination of project information and gained critical feedback. Once the EIS and Record of Decision were approved in October 2002, the mission of the Citizens Committee was complete.

Public involvement and education continues to play a vital role in the program, particularly as detailed environmental documents are developed for the Nickel Projects. In addition to outreach through open houses, neighborhood meetings, and speaking engagements, advisory committees have been established in each of the communities where Nickel Projects are taking place.

Inquiries about public information issues and opportunities should be directed to Colleen Gants at 425 456-8555 or [colleen.gants@i405.wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:colleen.gants@i405.wsdot.wa.gov).



### ***How can I get further information about the I-405 program?***

Further information about the I-405 project can be found on the project website, [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/I-405](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/I-405). You can also contact Colleen Gants at 425-456-8555 for more information.



### ***Can I get a speaker from the I-405 Corridor Program for my group?***

Members of the I-405 project team frequently present to groups throughout the corridor. They would be happy to present a project briefing to your organization, business or neighborhood. To schedule a briefing, and for more information, contact Colleen Gants at 425-456-8555.

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## ***How is the I-405 Corridor Program addressing the concerns of persons with disabilities?***

The I-405 Corridor Project follows federal and state regulations to identify and address the concerns of those who are impacted by the project. This especially includes connecting with under-served populations such as those who are disabled. The I-405 Corridor Project has given special attention to soliciting and addressing concerns from under-served populations. In addition, all redevelopment within the corridor will help improve accessibility and mobility to people of all needs, including those who are disabled.

## ***Is the I-405 Corridor Program reaching out to minority and non-English speaking citizens?***

Through outreach activities, the I-405 Corridor Program is connecting with minority and non-English speaking populations. The project team has published translated articles in non-English newspapers and newsletters. Also, the team has posted and mailed written project information and presented briefings at minority and non-English speaking service organizations and housing facilities.

*Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternate formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodation by contacting Ben Brown at WSDOT, 206-440-4528, usually two weeks before the meeting date. Persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service (TTY) at 711, Tele-Braille at 1-800-833-6385, Voice at 1-800-833-6384, or Spanish TTY at 1-800-833-6399 and ask to be connected to the event sponsor's phone number.*

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### ***Nickel Project Environmental & Design Refinements Scoping Meetings***

- 185 people attended
- September 17, 2003 Renton
- January 27, 2004 Kirkland

### ***Public Hearings on Draft EIS***

- 200 people attended
- September 18, 2001 Bothell
- September 19, 2001 Renton
- September 20, 2001 Bellevue

### ***EIS Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative Open Houses***

- 80 people attended
- March 20, 2001 Bothell
- March 22, 2001 Renton

### ***Initial EIS Alternative Concepts Open House***

- 71 people attended
- April 18, 2000 Redmond

### ***EIS Scoping Meetings***

- 59 people attended
- October 19, 1999 Renton
- October 21, 1999 Kirkland

### ***Public Scoping Meetings***

*More than 300 suggestions for transportation improvements*

### ***Seven Newsletters***

*Fall 1999 • Spring 2000 • Fall 2000 • Spring 2001  
Summer 2001 • Winter 2002 • Winter 2003 • Winter 2004*

### ***Project Updates/Progress Reports***

*Five project updates have been distributed (most recently Summer 2003) to: Interested citizens, Key corridor neighborhood associations, Businesses, Civic groups, Community television stations*

### ***In-Person Presentations***

*Program staff have delivered over 175 presentations to interested organizations and community groups.*

### ***Ongoing Public Involvement***

- Public Comments
- Project Updates/Progress Reports
- Web Site Updates
- In-Person Presentations
- Public Design Refinements Scoping Meetings
- Meetings with City, County, Agency Staff
- Media Relations