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## **Columbia River Crossing Task Force to Meet October 12**

VANCOUVER – The Columbia River Crossing Task Force will meet on Wednesday, October 12. The Task Force, co-chaired by Dr. Hal Dengerink and Henry Hewitt, will receive a project update from project staff and discuss the project’s Problem Definition (summarizing the transportation problems in the project area that the project will address) and Evaluation Criteria (to help measure the effectiveness of proposed project alternatives).

### **Columbia River Crossing Task Force Meeting**

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

4:00 – 6:30 pm

WSDOT Southwest Region Headquarters

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Vancouver, WA 98668

The public is welcome to attend and may address the Task Force.

The 38-member Task Force includes leaders from Oregon and Washington’s community, business, civic, neighborhood, freight, commuter and environmental agencies and groups. The Task Force will consider a variety of issues including congestion, freight movement, high capacity transit, environmental issues, and funding concerning a new or improved river crossing between Portland and Vancouver. The Task Force will meet frequently over the next two to three years, through the duration of the project’s environmental process.

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