



## Task Force Vision and Values Statement

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### Purpose

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force Vision and Values Statement articulates the foundation for developing criteria and performance measures that will be used to evaluate the I-5 Bridge Influence Area alternatives. The Columbia River Crossing Project NEPA process will include consideration of: crossing infrastructure; multimodal transportation; connectivity; high capacity transit; land use; funding; community and business interests; under-represented, low income and minority communities; commuter and freight mobility; maritime mobility; and the environment.

### Vision

The Columbia River Crossing project will be developed through an inclusive and collaborative process that builds upon the dedicated work of the I-5 Trade and Transportation Partnership, and delivers a financially feasible solution that sustains and stimulates a healthy community by addressing its mobility and transportation needs, strengthening its economy, protecting its natural resources, and enhancing its quality of life.

### Values

The Columbia River Crossing Project should reach this Vision through:

#### **Mobility, Reliability, and Accessibility**

Ensure mobility, reliability, and accessibility for all users, recognizing the requirements of local, intra-corridor, and interstate movement now and in the future.

#### **Modal Choice**

Provide attractive opportunities to use transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes for travel that includes the I-5 bridge.

#### **Safety**

Ensure safety for vehicles (trucks, autos, emergency, and transit), pedestrians, bicyclists, river users, and air traffic at the crossing.

### **Community Livability**

Enhance community livability through:

- support of a healthy and vibrant land use mix of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, cultural, and historic areas
- consideration of air quality; aesthetic quality that achieves a regional landmark; community cohesion and avoidance of disruption; impacts of noise and light and glare; and parks and historic and cultural resources.

### **Freight Mobility**

Support a sound regional economy by addressing the need to move freight efficiently and reliably through the I-5 Bridge Influence Area and allowing for river navigational needs.

### **Natural Resource Stewardship**

Respect and protect natural resources including fish, fish and wildlife habitat, and water quality.

### **Distribution of Impacts and Benefits**

Ensure the fair distribution of benefits and adverse effects of the project for the region, communities, and neighborhoods adjacent to the project area.

### **Cost Effectiveness**

Ensure cost effectiveness in design, construction, maintenance, and operation.

### **Financial Feasibility**

Ensure a reliable funding plan for the project.