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TO: Columbia River Crossing  
 FROM: Anne McEnery-Ogle  
 DATE: June 30, 2008 10:53 pm  
 RE: Columbia River Crossing project.

**P-0754-001 | Environmental Justice**

The Shumway Neighborhood demographics are such that it qualifies for consideration under the Environmental Justice requirements for these types of projects. I am concerned that the impacts to the neighborhood, from the proposed project alternatives, have not been fully identified. I request that the impacts to the Shumway Neighborhood be more fully identified and analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement and that the proposed mitigation for these impacts be more fully developed in cooperation with the affected residents of the Neighborhood. The project, no matter which alternative is selected to go forward, will have significant impacts on the residents of the Shumway Neighborhood. They should not be overlooked as the process moves forward.

**P-0754-002 | Public Involvement Approach**

On page B-3, in Volume 2, Appendices, third paragraph: “In addition, staff are engaged in an ongoing door-to-door outreach campaign to businesses near the proposed high-capacity transit alignments in Vancouver. These efforts have helped identify business-specific concerns and preferences.”

This did not happen. The Clark County Historic Museum, the business at 2901 Main Street, the dentist at 3700 Main, the Wellness Project, office at 3400 Main Street, the single family residence at 2903 Main Street, the retail at 210 E. 39<sup>th</sup> St., and the two residences at 200 E 39<sup>th</sup> St and 202 E 39<sup>th</sup>



**P-0754-001**

All neighborhoods in the project area, including Shumway, were assessed for the presence of Environmental Justice (EJ) populations using data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other sources. As discussed throughout Chapter 3 of the FEIS, since publication of the DEIS, potential project impacts have been further evaluated and the project team has worked to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts, including impacts to the Shumway neighborhood. Where impacts cannot be avoided, mitigation has been developed based on the specific needs of the affected individuals or community. The project team has worked with the Shumway Neighborhood both prior to and after publication of the DEIS. We look forward to continued discussions with the neighborhood as the project progresses.

**P-0754-002**

In August 2007, every potentially impacted property owner within the project area was sent a letter via surface mail informing them of the project and that their property could be affected. The letters were sent more than six months before the Draft EIS was released. The letter invited them to one of several meetings held in August 2007 specifically about right-of-way impacts and provided the opportunity to meet with CRC staff separately from the public meetings. During summer 2007, door-to-door outreach was conducted to focus on downtown Vancouver businesses. This effort resulted in reaching 184 businesses to provide them with general information about light rail and the project. CRC staff also gathered public feedback on the project and light rail alignment. The following blocks were reached during this effort:

- 100 block of W 13th St., W 9th St., E 8th St.
- 200 block of Columbia, W McLoughlin, E McLoughlin, W Evergreen, W 6th, W 13th, W 12th, E 17th
- 300 block of E 17th, W Mill Plain, W 11th, W 6th, E 15th, E Mill Plain, W 12th, W Evergreen, E McLoughlin

**P-0754-002** Street have reported that they were not notified. In addition, the residences at 904 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St, 905 E 32<sup>nd</sup> St, 904 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St., 904 E 28<sup>th</sup> St., 905 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St., and 901 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. indicated that they were not notified.

I have found that the CRC's public process has not worked to engage people, especially those within the Shumway Neighborhood Association (particularly along I Street and Main Street), to raise awareness and understand the impacts of this project on their properties.

**P-0754-003** These people did not know they were in the Appendix D of the project and didn't realize they needed to make any comments. In addition, these properties qualify for consideration under the Environmental Justice requirements and are being disproportionately impacted.

- 400 block of E 13th, W 8th, E 15th, E Mill Plain
- 500 block of Main, W 8th
- 600 block of Broadway, Main
- 700 block of Broadway, Main, Washington
- 800 block of C St., Broadway, Columbia, Main, Washington
- 900 block of Daniels, Main, Washington
- 1100 block of Broadway, Main, Washington
- 1200 block of Broadway, Main
- 1300 block of Main, Columbia, Washington, Franklin
- 1400 block of Broadway, Columbia, C St.
- 1500 block of Broadway, Columbia, D St.
- 1600 block of Columbia, C St., Main, Washington
- 1700 block of Broadway
- 1800 block of Broadway, Columbia
- 1900 block of Main
- 2600 block of Kauffman Ave.
- 5000 block of SW Macadam Ave.
- 7000 block of NE Greenwood
- 12000 block of SW Tualatin Rd.

During the Draft EIS public comment period post cards to notify residents and businesses about the document, open houses, and public comment period were mailed to every address in the project area. The same post cards were distributed door to door to a variety of locations in Vancouver. The list of the locations can be found on the project Web site:

[http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/FileLibrary/PublicInvolvementReports/DraftEIS\\_CommentReport\\_May2toJuly1\\_2008.pdf](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/FileLibrary/PublicInvolvementReports/DraftEIS_CommentReport_May2toJuly1_2008.pdf)

Fliers were developed for distribution to Vancouver neighborhoods during the Draft EIS public comment period. The flier highlighted the Draft EIS alternatives, document availability, public comment period, and open houses. The Shumway Neighborhood Association received 600

fliers for distribution to residents.

Prior to publication of the Draft EIS, CRC staff met with the Shumway Neighborhood Association at least nine times. In addition, the Shumway Neighborhood Association newsletter printed articles about the CRC project (July 2007, August 2007, October 2007, November 2007, June 2008). The CRC project office provided fliers that were inserted into Vancouver neighborhood newsletters to further inform people living in the city limits. Significant levels of attention from Vancouver and Portland media outlets were given to the opponents of the light rail portion of the CRC project from 2007 through 2008 due to concerns with loss of private property.

The chair of the Shumway Neighborhood Association was represented on the CRC Community and Environmental Justice Group through 2007. The purpose of the group was to provide information to the project to ensure meaningful engagement of the community.

**P-0754-003**

Although the CRC project could cause impacts to Environmental Justice (EJ) populations, it appears those impacts could be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Where impacts could not be avoided, mitigation would be developed based on the specific needs of the affected individuals or community. Furthermore, based on an analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other sources, it is not likely that impacts to EJ populations would be disproportionately high or adverse in the Shumway neighborhood or within the project area.