



Fact Sheet: High Capacity Transit System Study Milestones and Coordination with Other Transit Studies

To better understand the future role of transit in Clark County and to meet the travel demands of its residents, the High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Study will coordinate with the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Project and the C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan. Below is a description of key milestones for the High Capacity Transit System Study and the strategy for coordination with the CRC project and C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan at major milestones.

HCT Study Milestone 1 – Select Corridors for Further Study (April 2007)

This milestone will identify the most promising HCT corridors in the county to be evaluated in more detail. It will be based on technical information from a countywide Travel Market Analysis that will use the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the plan's 2030 travel demand model data.

The MTP 2030 model network is based on the financially constrained MTP and does not include additional river-crossing capacity in the I-5 corridor. The MTP model data will be used to characterize general travel patterns in the county and to evaluate potentially promising HCT corridors.

Coordination with other studies:

The C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan technical analysis should be completed by April 2007 and will be evaluated and used to support the HCT System Study's Travel Market Analysis. CRC anticipates the selection of the transit alternatives to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to be available by this time.

HCT Study Milestone 2 – Select Modes to be Studied in Each Corridor (April 2007)

This milestone will focus on the most promising HCT modes to be developed further in the selected corridors. It represents an initial screening step, which will allow the study to focus on the most promising HCT mode applications in the selected corridors.

Coordination with other studies:

The CRC Project anticipates the identification of the transit alternatives to be included in the DEIS to be available by this time. This milestone represents an initial screening step for the HCT System Study, and the study will consider the analysis and conclusions from the CRC Project in identifying promising modes outside of the I-5 Corridor (south of Kiggins Bowl).

HCT Study Milestone 3 – Select Corridors and Modes to be Included in HCT System Plan (November 2007)

This milestone will identify the corridors and modes to be included in preparing the HCT System Plan. The HCT System Plan will bring the corridors together and evaluate the issues related to operating as an integrated system. Additionally, it will develop policies that will help to support and facilitate HCT in Clark County.

Coordination with other studies:

The C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan will be completed prior to this HCT System Study milestone. Technical analysis and policies included in the C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan will be used to inform decisions on corridors and modes for inclusion in the HCT System Plan. On-going technical work for the CRC DEIS may be available.

HCT Study Milestone 4 – HCT System Plan Policies (April 2008)

This milestone will identify high capacity transit supportive policies to be included in the MTP and local plans.

Coordination with other studies:

The adopted C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan may include transit policies that relate to and support policy direction in the HCT System Plan. The HCT System Plan may recommend additions or modifications to policies included in the C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan and other local and regional policy documents.

The completion of the CRC DEIS is scheduled in a similar time frame to this milestone. The HCT System Study will evaluate the work completed for the CRC DEIS to determine if the DEIS would influence Clark County HCT policy direction.

HCT Study Milestone 5 – Select a Priority Corridor(s) (April 2008)

This milestone will identify one or two corridors to develop further as a priority HCT corridor, potentially leading to the initiation of a federal Alternatives Analysis.

Coordination with other studies:

The adopted C-TRAN 20-Year Transit Development Plan may include technical analysis that can support this key milestone. The CRC DEIS is scheduled to be completed at this time and the technical analysis from the CRC DEIS will be evaluated to determine its relevance to the selection of a priority HCT corridor(s) in Clark County.



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