

News in the Corridor

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PDOT Budget Advisory Task Force Gets Underway

Portland Commissioner Sam Adams and Department of Transportation Director Sue Keil have put together an Advisory Task Force, of which CCA is a member. The Task Force objective is to identify short and long term changes to the Department of Transportation that will result in cost savings. Recommendations will likely cover policy and operational issues.

Please take a few minutes to participate in [the survey](#) on Sam Adams' [website](#). We need CCA members to express their concerns in order for PDOT to make the appropriate budget cuts.

PDOT expects an \$8 million shortfall for fiscal year 2006-07. Over the next five years, the shortfall is forecast to be \$43 million. [More...](#)

Sam Adams Wants Your Opinion

To help improve communication between CCA and the Bureaus of Transportation and Environmental Services, Commissioner Sam Adams has appointed liaisons. Rob Barnard is our Transportation liaison and Susan Barthel is our link to Environmental Services. We have already used both liaisons to pass along information and set up public events.

Now Sam Adams would like to get your opinion on how well the program is working. Please take a few minutes to fill out [the questionnaire](#) and send it to samadams@ci.portland.or.us. It's only seven questions; three minutes of your time would be very helpful to the Bureaus and CCA.

Columbia River Crossing Freight Working Group

CCA has been invited to be a member of the Columbia River Crossing Freight Working Group. As work on a new Portland-Vancouver bridge progresses, the Freight Working Group will advise on truck movements in the Columbia River crossing area.

The Working Group will be composed of 12 members, evenly divided between Oregon and Washington, representing freight-related industries. [More...](#)

Portland Green Building Grants Available

Portland's Office of Sustainable Development is currently accepting applications for grants from the City's Green Investment Fund (GIF). The GIF is a competitive grant program that awards projects designed and built to meet aggressive and integrated resource conservation goals. The GIF recognizes project innovation in waste and toxins reduction, water conservation, on-site stormwater management and reuse, energy conservation and on-site renewable energy.

A total of \$450,000 is available in the current round of funding. Maximum grant amount available for any one project is \$225,000. Industrial, residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects are eligible and public and private organizations may apply. [More...](#)

Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Available

Metro has launched its Nature in Neighborhoods Program and is making available different levels of funding for projects within the Metro region. Metro and the solid waste and recycling industry have made this program possible. Citizen groups, businesses, non-profits, school groups, government agencies and service groups are invited to participate in this opportunity.

Three levels of grants are available, all of which require some sort of matching funds. Preference will be given to projects with an identified Regionally Significant Habitat. Draft proposals are due to Metro no later than January 12th. [For more information...](#)

CCA 19th Annual Meeting Features Great Information and a Few Laughs

CCA had a little help celebrating our 19th year on December 9th. Our keynote speaker was Economics Professor Tim Duy from the University of Oregon. While his focus was on the economic effects of Katrina, the presentation included analysis of the current and near-future status of the U.S. economy.

CCA President Steve Mason presented information on the past year's performance of CCA and Columbia Corridor businesses, both of which did well. For a copy of Steve's [speech](#) and [PowerPoint](#) presentation, visit the CCA website.

Chuck Sams of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council presented awards to Bob Dolphin of Owens Illinois and ProLogis for their work and contributions for the Slough.

Metro President David Bragdon started things off with a reminder of the efforts Metro has made on Goal 5 and Nature in Neighborhoods. There had been a considerable amount of discussion, planning and angst until Metro councilors finally gave it direction. Metro deserves credit for involving the community and moving forward.

Our thanks to all who attended. Next year's 20th Annual Meeting will be December 8th, 2006.

Urban Renewal Areas Make an Impact

If you ever wondered just how much difference Urban Renewal Areas make, take a look at the December issue of Portland Monthly. The cover story is about the 25 people who changed Portland in the past year. One of those is Nicole Davis of Bold Sky Café and Studios. Davis has been one of the primary instigators of change on N. Mississippi Ave., created the Second Thursday Music Walk among other events.

There is no doubt that the Interstate URA was one of the main reasons she located the restaurant on Mississippi Ave. More importantly, PDC funds have been critical to her success. It's fair to say Davis owes some of her success to PDC. And Portland owes some of its success to Davis. Sometimes things work out as hoped.

Columbia Slough Watershed Council 7th Annual Awards Celebration

Keynote Speaker – Commissioner Sam Adams

One of the awards recipients will be Bob Dolphin of Owens Illinois, a CCA member.

Friday, January 20, 2006

6 pm – 10 pm

Contact the CCA office for tickets (\$30): 503.287.8686 or
corky@columbiacorridor.org

Upcoming Events

January 25: Breakfast Forum on Columbia Corridor Levy System

February 10: Lunch with Speaker Karen Minnis

March Transportation Open House

April 26: Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Breakfast Forum

May 24: Green Building Opportunities Breakfast Forum

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