

## ***News in the Corridor***

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### **Airport Futures Wants Your Input**

28 Sept 08--Airport Futures is the long-range planning process for PDX. On Wednesday, October 8th and Monday, October 13th, open houses will be held. For those interested in discussing the project in more detail, roundtable discussions will be also occur at the events. [More...](#)

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### **I-5/Marine Drive Interchange Stakeholder Committee at Work**

26 Sept 08--As the Columbia River Crossing moves forward, one of the most contentious issues has been growing around the Marine Dr. interchange. A new stakeholder committee has been formed to blend the needs of freight transportation, neighborhood connections, private property owners and development around the Expo's MAX station. The initial meeting occurred September 24th. A decision should come in November.

CCA is a member of the stakeholder committee. For more information, call Corky Collier at 503.287.8686 or go to [www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org).

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### **The Future of West Hayden Island**

25-Sep-2008--The future of West Hayden Island will be decided through a collaborative public process between the Port of Portland and the City of Portland, beginning this fall. The 800 acre site is adjacent to the Columbia River ship channel and close to two intercontinental railroads and I-5. It's also wildlife habitat and has potential as a recreation area.

To learn more about the planning process, contact Greg Theisen at 503.944.7522 or go to [www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com).

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### **Quick Economic Indicator Newsletter**

22 Sept 08--The Portland metropolitan area's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 6.0 percent in August, from 5.4 percent in July. The state rate was 6.5 percent and the national rate was 6.1 percent. Approximately 71,800 Portland-area residents were unemployed, up 14,700 from one year ago and the highest August level since 2004. [For the full pdf newsletter...](#)

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### **PDX Plans to Move Baggage Screening**

10 Sept 08--Thanks in part to a \$60 million pledge from the Transportation Security Administration, the Port of Portland has begun construction on new baggage screening

facilities. When completed in 2010, the system will move screening equipment out of the lobby and behind the scenes. It will be a big step forward to the convenience we had in the past. [More...](#)

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### **University of Oregon Economic Index**

8 Sept 08--The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ slipped in July, falling 0.1 percent to 100.9 (1997=100). There is some stabilization after a downward shift in the pace of growth that began at the end of 2007. Still, overall conditions remain consistent with at least a mild recession, and labor market conditions are likely to remain soft for a protracted period as the economy restructures away from housing-dependent growth. [Full pdf report...](#)

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### **Governors Appoint Columbia River Crossing Panel**

3 Sept 08--The governors of Oregon and Washington have appointed a committee to advise them on the \$4.2 billion Columbia River Crossing project. [More...](#)

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### **Public Comment Sought on Transportation Funding**

29 Aug 08--Metro and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation will be seeking public comment on the allocation of regional flexible funds to be programmed in the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. About \$46.14 million is available to apportion among selected regional projects and programs, and about \$21.65 million for local projects. Metro received 26 competitive applications for local projects totaling \$58.52 million in requested funding. Public input is vital to informing the final project list and allocation decisions. [More...](#)

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### **Welcome New and Renewing Members!**

ACME Storage  
Associated General Contractors  
Group Mackenzie  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Port of Portland  
Rainier Group LLC  
Sapa Profiles, Inc.  
WorkSource Oregon  
YoCream International

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### **Oregon Economic Forum**

Mark your calendars for this year's Oregon Economic Forum, October 16, 2008 at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. For more information visit <http://uoregon.edu/~oefweb/events/>.

Speakers include: *Tim Duy*, Director, Oregon Economic Forum, Department of Economics, University of Oregon; *Bruce Blonigen*, Knight Professor of Social Science, Department of

Economics, University of Oregon; *Wesley Wilson*, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Oregon; *Jon Olson*, Director of Global Transportation, Intel Corporation; and *Bill Wyatt*, Executive Director, Port of Portland, Congressman *Peter DeFazio* (invited), plus a welcoming address by *Dave Frohnmayer*, President of the University of Oregon.

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### **Upcoming Events**

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Transportation Fair

December 12<sup>th</sup>: CCA's Annual Luncheon, with Mayor-elect Sam Adams

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