

News in the Corridor /march 2009

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Portland Metro Economic Indicators

4 March 09-- The most recent economic indicators have been released by WorkSource Oregon. There are four easy-to-read graphs, none of which are pretty. [PDF version of economic indicators](#)

Bull Run Watershed Working Group

4 March 09-- Portland relies on the Bull Run Watershed for pristine drinking water; the backup is the Portland Wellfield, which lies underneath the Columbia Corridor. The public is invited to attend the Portland Water Bureau and Mt. Hood National Forest Bull Run working group annual meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Portland Water Bureau's Bull Run Room at 1120 SW Fifth Ave, Fifth floor, Portland Oregon. The purpose is to review work plans, budgets and staff assignments; and communicate accomplishments and issues addressed during the course of management activities. An annual report will be presented at the March meeting. For questions, contact Terry Black at 503.823.1168 or srinfo@ci.portland.or.us.

Business Focus Group Comments on Portland Plan

3 March 09-- CCA convened a group of business leaders in the Columbia Corridor to comment on economic opportunities in Portland. The results will feed into the Portland Plan, the 25 year update to the Portland comprehensive plan. At a time when most of us are focusing on buckling down for the recession, we thank those able to take the time to plan for the future.

Issues raised at the focus group included secondary education for trades, land supply, transportation, economic development assistance, and sustainability. If you would like a report summary, contact Corky at 503.287.8686.

Tim Boyle to Speak at East Metro Economic Alliance

2 March 09-- Columbia Sportswear CEO Timothy Boyle will talk about the current economic crisis and how our local municipalities can respond better to business needs. The event will be Thursday, March 12th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Fairview City Hall, 1300 Northwest Village St., Fairview, OR 97024. \$20 will get you in the door and lunch. Please RSVP to jgpress@stovallgroup.com.

Slough 101

26 Feb 09-- If you would like to explore the unique character, challenges and opportunities of the Columbia Slough and its watershed and would like to learn about water quality, neighborhood history, vegetation and urban development challenges come to this free workshop on
Saturday, March 7
8:45 am-1:00 pm
At Multnomah County Drainage Districts
1880 NE Elrod Drive
Portland, OR 97211

[For more information...](#)

Help in a Down Economy

26 Feb 09-- The Portland Development Commission (PDC) has a webpage full of links to local, state and federal resources. They have credits, discounts, education, data, tips, and even shoulders to cry on. Yes, it may be a little more than you want, but it's a great place to start. If you can't find what you need, call us at CCA for suggestions: 503.287.8686.

[PDC's Help in a Down Economy](#)

Nine Business Alliances Team up to Create G-9 Group

25 Feb 09--The G-9 group started in 2005, with a goal of finding practical solutions to regional growth. The G-9 group tackles serious issues, including land-use planning, economic development, transportation/congestion and work-force readiness.
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The Way Forward Across The River

25 Feb 09--The Columbia River Crossing is going to be more than just a bridge. It will include a new cross-river partnership that actively manages daily mobility to get the most out of the investment. The article is by Sam Adams and Royce Pollard.

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New Portland/Vancouver Economic Forecast

19 Feb 09-- Greenlight Greater Portland has just issued an economic forecast. To download your copy to go www.greenlightgreaterportland.com. Greenlight Greater Portland is a consortium of private-sector leaders dedicated to growing a sustainable and vibrant economic future for the seven county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area.

West Hayden Island Town Hall Meeting with Port of Portland Executive Director Bill Wyatt

12 Feb 09--The City of Portland and the Port of Portland are beginning a process to explore annexation of West Hayden Island into city boundaries as well as develop a long term use plan for this property. We invite you to get involved in the West Hayden Island annexation process at the former Hayden Island Yacht Club (across from Safeway). CCA is on the West Hayden Island community working group, if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give us a call at (503)287-8686.

Thursday, February 26 2009, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

12050 N. Jantzen Avenue, Portland

Contact: Chris White, (503)944-7056

[For More Information...](#)

Economic Injury Loan Program

5 Feb 09-- The City of Portland's Office of Emergency Management needs your help in applying for Small Administration relief as a result of the December 2008 snow event.

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FEIS for the Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan

5 Feb 09-- They announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bull Run Supply Habitat Conservation Plan.

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Goal of Portland Economic Stimulus: 4,985 Jobs in 2009

5 Feb 09-- Portland City Council Announces \$503 million-plus Portland Job Creation and economic stimulus package to fast track an estimated 4,985 private sector jobs. Plan also boosts housing development, business assistance and worker retraining programs.

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University of Oregon Economic Index

4 Feb 09--The most recent University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators is for December. The UO Index indicates that Oregon fell 2% from the previous month, with widespread weakness.

[Full pdf report...](#)

How Many Lanes for Columbia River Crossing?

3 Feb 09--Mayor Adams announced Thursday that regional leaders will take more time to attempt consensus on the number of lanes and amount of tolls for a new Columbia River Crossing. Despite the announcement, approximately 70 testified to City Council in support of a 12 lane project. 12 people supported less than 12 lanes or no project at all. Columbia Corridor Association testified in support of 12 tolled lanes.

Metro Council takes up the same issue on Thursday, February 5th, 2:00 pm. Please take time to attend and tell the Council how a new crossing will benefit you. For more information, call Corky at 503.287.8686.

[Read Susan Nielsen's Op-Ed from last Thursday...](#)

Portland Brownfield Program

3 Feb 09--You may be sitting on a gold mine, albeit a contaminated one. Brownfields come in all shades, from very contaminated dark brown sites to easily-cleaned khaki. The Portland Brownfield Program can help owners and potential buyers of brownfields return these underutilized properties to productive use. The Brownfield Program offers free technical and financial assistance, including environmental site assessments that are often required for the sale or redevelopment of commercial properties.

More information at www.brownfield.org or by calling 503.823.5863.

Welcome New and Renewing Members!

American Equipment Co.
American Red Cross
Cushman & Wakefield
Far West Fibers
Holiday Inn Portland Airport
JR Simplot Co.
Market Transport LTD
Miller Paint Co.
Norris & Stevens
Providence Medical Center

Upcoming Events

March 25th Breakfast Forum: Rex Burkholder on Transportation

April 22nd Breakfast Forum: Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts

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