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## CRC Officially Dead

The Columbia River Crossing Project has officially been scrapped. Governor John Kitzhaber gave lawmakers a deadline to either pass legislation on an Oregon lead project or let it go.

The following is a statement and press release issued Friday afternoon by ODOT Director Matthew Garrett:

“On March 7, the Oregon Legislature adjourned without reinstating construction funds for the CRC I-5 Bridge Replacement project. As identified in Governor Kitzhaber’s January 27, 2014 letter to legislative leadership, the project will begin the process of orderly archival and closeout. We have the fiduciary responsibility to close out the project in a systematic, retrievable manner in order to adequately preserve a decade of research, environmental reviews, community involvement, and detailed engineering work for potential future use. We will archive work products according to Oregon record retention requirements.

Expenditures will be reduced immediately; further design and deliverable development will not occur. The project will shut down completely by May 31, 2014.

### Conclude Staff and Agency Agreements

ODOT, WSDOT and TriMet will begin demobilizing agency staff. Each agency will be responsible for necessary personnel actions.

We will issue stop work orders on consultant contracts on or before March 15, 2014, including instructions to record the current status of the work product and contract amendments to archive work products and conduct contract closeout. We will release consultant staff once they have archived and catalogued their work products.

In addition, the project has intergovernmental agreements in place with agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Multnomah County Drainage District. We will close out these agreements this month with formal stop work orders.

### Archive and Catalogue Work Products

We will archive and catalogue all work products, past deliverables, and permit documentation in their current state. The following types of work products exist:

- Environmental documentation required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement(s), the federal Record of Decision and required re-evaluations.
- Financial analysis, including extensive documentation required by the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts program, a transit operations and maintenance agreement, the investment grade analysis, and work products related to application for a federal TIFIA loan.
- Recent cost estimates for elements of the Oregon-led project and the project’s history of risk-based cost estimating.

The bodies of work that led to receipt of the U.S. Coast Guard General Bridge Permit and Section 401 water quality certification in Oregon and Washington. Work efforts required as part of the Section 404 flood and wetland and 408 navigation and levee (http://www.kxl.com/...) permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were underway and will be archived. Other permitting plans and work products will be catalogued.

- Draft design build procurement document for the River Crossing Bridges and Approaches
- Documentation and summary of the robust public involvement program, including comments, advisory group activities, outreach presentations and public information materials.
- Work efforts to support right of way plans and utility relocations. Development drafts of procurement documents, including those intended to guide construction of the Columbia River bridges.

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