# Columbia River RCROSSING 

# PRELIMINARY EXISTING AND FORECAST I-5 TRAVEL DEMANDS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY 

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to outline year 2005 demand traffic volumes, year 2005 origin-destination patterns, and to provide a preliminary and planning level estimation of year 2030 demand traffic volumes considering a Build condition in the Bridge Influence Area.

It must be noted that the year 2030 demand traffic volumes contained as a part of this memorandum were simply developed by factoring the year 2005 traffic volumes and that new estimates of year 2030 travel demands will be developed this spring and summer for a number of alternatives. The year 2030 estimates provided herein should be used carefully.

## Year 2005 Demand Volumes

Ramp terminal and ramp-to-ramp (i.e., ramps not controlled by intersection traffic control) counts were the basis for the year 2005 demand volumes. Counts at eighty-four on- and off-ramps were initially summarized on a 24 -hour basis. These counts were compared with historical counts and then balanced throughout the I-5 corridor.

Peak period counts for both the northbound and southbound directions of I-5 were then summarized. To account for congestion and oversaturated conditions, peak period counts at some locations were increased to estimate demand volumes (a traffic count taken at an oversaturated location is limited by the capacity of the facility and therefore is actually a service volume and not a demand volume). The demand volume for oversaturated locations is the service volume (actual volume counted) plus the number of vehicles that are queued upstream and would have crossed this point during the analysis period if there were not congestion.

Therefore, the year 2005 demand volumes were estimated based upon existing traffic counts and observed queue lengths at different existing bottleneck locations throughout the I-5 corridor. The majority of ramp and mainline counts in the off-peak directions are equivalent to the year 2005 demand volumes since there is not much significant queuing or congestion during these time periods. Refer to Figures 1 and 2 for year 2005 demand volumes.

## Year 2005 Origin-Destination Volumes

License plate information was collected for vehicles using the on- and off-ramps within the BIA in the peak direction during peak periods only (i.e., southbound during the morning peak period and northbound during the afternoon/evening peak period). Almost 30,000 license plates were recorded and a database
was created to cross-reference license plate captures. The origin-destination counts were compared with the year 2005 traffic counts and then balanced throughout the BIA. The balancing methodology was applied to the matrix (on-ramp versus off-ramps). The matrix was balanced based upon both on- and offramp overall percentages. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the data has been summarized by both origin ramp and destination ramp.

As an example of a specific origin pattern, of all of the traffic entering northbound I-5 via the Hayden Island on-ramp, approximately $29 \%$ exit to SR-14, $6 \%$ exit to City Center, $22 \%$ exit to Mill Plain $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ Plain, $26 \%$ exit to SR-500/39 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street, and the remaining $18 \%$ continue on I-5 north of the BIA.

## Year 2030 Build Alternative Demand Volumes

The preliminary year 2030 Build demand traffic volumes were estimated using the year 2005 demand volumes and adding to these the post-processed traffic growth estimated in the I-5 Trade Partnership Study. This growth volume was estimated by initially subtracting the post-processed existing conditions demand volume from the post-processed Build Alternative (six-lane I-5 mainline outside of BIA, ten-lane I-5 mainline within BIA including river crossing, and LRT extended from Expo Park \& Ride to Clark College) demand volume at the Interstate Bridge. After adding this volume to the year 2005 demand volume at the Interstate Bridge, the change in traffic growth was then distributed north and south to all of the on- and off-ramps within the BIA based upon ramp volume percentages. Figure 3 summarizes the peak period and peak direction year 2030 planning level demand volumes within the BIA.

It must be noted that the year 2030 demand traffic volumes contained as a part of this memorandum were simply developed by factoring the year 2005 traffic volumes and that new estimates of year 2030 travel demands will be developed this spring and summer for a number of alternatives. The year 2030 estimates provided herein should be used carefully.

Figure 1 - I-5 Corridor - CRC - AM Peak Hour Demand Volumes


Figure 2 - I-5 Corridor - CRC - PM Peak Hour Demand Volumes


TABLE 1: 2005 AM AND PM ORIGIN BASED O-D TABLE (Total All Vehicles) Revision Date: 2-08-06

## NB I-5 PM 2 HOUR FLOW RATES BY ROUTE AND ENTRY POINT

| Entry and Exit Locations | Gate (From - To) | Volumes | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NB I-5 Input Volume (South of Columbia Blvd Off-Ramp) | 1 | 8177 | 100\% |
| Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-2 | 560 | 6.8\% |
| Victory Blvd NB OFF | 1-3 | 290 | 3.5\% |
| Marine Dr NB OFF | 1-4 | 435 | 5.3\% |
| Hayden Island NB OFF | 1-7 | 580 | 7.1\% |
| SR-14 NB OFF | 1-9 | 1063 | 13.0\% |
| City Center NB OFF | 1-10 | 237 | 2.9\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off | 1-12 | 695 | 8.5\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 1-15 | 556 | 6.8\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 1-17 | 3761 | 46.0\% |
| Victory/Denver Avenue NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | 2140 | 100\% |
| Hayden Island NB OFF | 5-7 | 243 | 11.4\% |
| SR-14 NB OFF | 5-9 | 553 | 25.8\% |
| City Center NB OFF | 5-10 | 122 | 5.7\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off | 5-12 | 441 | 20.6\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 5-15 | 428 | 20.0\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 5-17 | 353 | 16.5\% |
| Marine Drive NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 6 | 2289 | 100\% |
| Hayden Island NB OFF | 6-7 | 286 | 12.5\% |
| SR-14 NB OFF | 6-9 | 611 | 26.7\% |
| City Center NB OFF | 6-10 | 135 | 5.9\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off | 6-12 | 476 | 20.8\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 6-15 | 481 | 21.0\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 6-17 | 300 | 13.1\% |
| Hayden Island NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | 1330 | 100\% |
| SR-14 NB OFF | 8-9 | 383 | 28.8\% |
| City Center NB OFF | 8-10 | 76 | 5.7\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off | 8-12 | 294 | 22.1\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 8-15 | 339 | 25.5\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 8-17 | 238 | 17.9\% |
| SR-14 WB to l-5 NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 11 | 2841 | 100\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off | 11-12 | 574 | 20.2\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 11-15 | 543 | 19.1\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 11-17 | 1724 | 60.7\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 13 | 2965 | 100\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 13-15 | 981 | 33.1\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 13-17 | 1984 | 66.9\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 14 | 1350 | 100\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off | 14-15 | 512 | 37.9\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 14-17 | 838 | 62.1\% |
| 39th St. NB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 16 | 1005 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 North of 39th St NB ON | 16-17 | 1005 | 100.0\% |

SB I-5 AM 2 HOUR FLOW RATES BY ROUTE AND ENTRY POINT

| Entry and Exit Locations | Gate <br> (From - To) | Volumes | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB I-5 Input Volume (North of SR-500) | 18 | 6450 | 100\% |
| 39th St SB OFF | 18-19 | 529 | 8.2\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB OFF | 18-21 | 555 | 8.6\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB OFF | 18-23 | 909 | 14.1\% |
| SR-14 SB OFF | 18-25 | 432 | 6.7\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF | 18-27 | 200 | 3.1\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 18-29 | 581 | 9.0\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 18-31 | 432 | 6.7\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 18-34 | 2812 | 43.6\% |
| SR 500/39th St SB ON Ramp Input Volume | 20 | 3898 | 100\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB OFF | 20-21 | 415 | 10.6\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB OFF | 20-23 | 698 | 17.9\% |
| SR-14 SB OFF | 20-25 | 129 | 3.3\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF | 20-27 | 70 | 1.8\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 20-29 | 515 | 13.2\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 20-31 | 293 | 7.5\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 20-34 | 1778 | 45.6\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON Ramp Input Volume | 22 | 896 | 100\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB OFF | 22-23 | 43 | 4.8\% |
| SR-14 SB OFF | 22-25 | 159 | 17.7\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF | 22-27 | 59 | 6.6\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 22-29 | 175 | 19.5\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 22-31 | 161 | 18.0\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 22-34 | 299 | 33.4\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON Ramp Input Volume | 24 | 2070 | 100\% |
| SR-14 SB OFF | 24-25 | 184 | 8.9\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF | 24-27 | 54 | 2.6\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 24-29 | 402 | 19.4\% |
| Denver/Victory Blva SB OFF | 24-31 | 174 | 8.4\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 24-34 | 1256 | 60.7\% |
| SR-14/City Center ON Ramp Input Volume | 26 | 2060 | 100\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF | 26-27 | 82 | 4.0\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 26-29 | 480 | 23.3\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 26-31 | 231 | 11.2\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 26-34 | 1267 | 61.5\% |
| Hayden Island SB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 28-29 | 631 144 | 100\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF | 28-29 | 144 | 22.8\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 28-31 | 178 | 28.2\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 28-34 | 309 | 49.0\% |
| Marine Dr SB ON Ramp Input Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 30 | 420 | 100\% |
| Denver/Victory Blvd SB OFF | 30-31 | 102 | 24.3\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 30-34 | 318 | 75.7\% |
| Victory Blvd SB ON Ramp Input Volume | 32 | 190 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 32-34 | 190 | 100.0\% |
| Columbia Blvd SB ON Ramp Input Volume | 33 | 915 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline South of Columbia Blvd SB ON | 33-34 | 915 | 100.0\% |



TABLE 2: 2005 AM AND PM DESTINATION BASED O-D TABLE (Total All Vehicles) Revision Date: 2-08-06

## NB I-5 PM 2 HOUR FLOW RATES BY ROUTE AND ENTRY POINT

| Entry and Exit Locations | Gate | Volumes | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (From - To) |  |  |
| Columbia Blvd NB OFF Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | 560 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-2 | 560 | 100.0\% |
| Victory Blvd NB OFF Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | 290 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-3 | 290 | 100.0\% |
| Marine Dr NB OFF Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | 435 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-4 | 435 | 100.0\% |
| Hayden Island NB OFF Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | 1109 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-7 | 580 | 52.3\% |
| Victory/Denver Ave NB ON | 5-7 | 243 | 21.9\% |
| Marine Dr NB ON | 6-7 | 286 | 25.8\% |
| I-5 NB to SR-14 EB Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 9 | 2610 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-9 | 1063 | 40.7\% |
| Victory/Denver Ave NB ON | 5-9 | 553 | 21.2\% |
| Marine Dr NB ON | 6-9 | 611 | 23.4\% |
| Hayden Island NB ON | 8-9 | 383 | 14.7\% |
| City Center NB OFF Ramp Volume |  |  |  |
|  | 10 | 570 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-10 | 237 | 41.6\% |
| Victory/Denver Ave NB ON | 5-10 | 122 | 21.4\% |
| Marine Dr NB ON | 6-10 | 135 | 23.7\% |
| Hayden Island NB ON | 8-10 | 76 | 13.3\% |
| Mill Plain/4th Plain Blvd NB Off |  |  |  |
|  | 12 | 2480 | 100\% |
| NB I-5 South of Columbia Blvd NB OFF | 1-12 | 695 | 28.0\% |
| Victory/Denver Ave NB ON | 5-12 | 441 | 17.8\% |
| Marine Dr NB ON | 6-12 | 476 | 19.2\% |
| Hayden Island NB ON | 8-12 | 294 | 11.9\% |
| SR-14 WB to I-5 NB ON | 11-12 | 574 | 23.1\% |
| SR-500/39th Street NB Off |  |  |  |
|  | 15 | 3840 | 100\% |
| Mainline NB south of Columbia Blvd. | 1-15 | 556 | 14.5\% |
| Victory/Denver Avenue NB On | 5-15 | 428 | 11.1\% |
| Marine Drive NB On | 6-15 | 481 | 12.5\% |
| Hayden Island NB On | 8-15 | 339 | 8.8\% |
| SR-14 NB On | 11-15 | 543 | 14.1\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd. NB On | 13-15 | 981 | 25.5\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd. NB On | 14-15 | 512 | 13.3\% |
| NB I-5 Output Volume |  |  |  |
| (North of 39th St. NB On-Ramp) | 17 | 10203 | 100\% |
| Mainline NB south of Columbia Blvd. | 1-17 | 3761 | 36.9\% |
| Victory/Denver Avenue NB On | 5-17 | 353 | 3.5\% |
| Marine Drive NB On | 6-17 | 300 | 2.9\% |
| Hayden Island NB On | 8-17 | 238 | 2.3\% |
| SR-14 NB On | 11-17 | 1724 | 16.9\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd. NB On | 13-17 | 1984 | 19.4\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd. NB On | 14-17 | 838 | 8.2\% |
| 39th Street NB On | 16-17 | 1005 | 9.9\% |

SB I-5 AM 2 HOUR FLOW RATES BY ROUTE AND ENTRY POINT

| Entry and Exit Locations | Gate <br> (From - To) | Volumes | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39th St SB OFF Ramp Volume | 21 | 529 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-21 | 529 | 100.0\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB OFF Ramp Volume | 23 | 970 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-23 | 555 | 57.2\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-23 | 415 | 42.8\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB OFF Ramp Volume | 25 | 1650 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-25 | 909 | 55.1\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-25 | 698 | 42.3\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-25 | 43 | 2.6\% |
| I-5 SB to SR-14 EB OFF Ramp Volume | 27 | 904 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-27 | 432 | 47.8\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-27 | 129 | 14.3\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-27 | 159 | 17.6\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON | 26-27 | 184 | 20.4\% |
| Hayden Island SB OFF Ramp Volume | 29 | 465 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-29 | 200 | 43.0\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-29 | 70 | 15.1\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-29 | 59 | 12.7\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON | 26-29 | 54 | 11.6\% |
| SR-14/City Center SB ON | 28-29 | 82 | 17.6\% |
| Marine Dr SB OFF Ramp Volume | 31 | 2297 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-31 | 581 | 25.3\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-31 | 515 | 22.4\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-31 | 175 | 7.6\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON | 26-31 | 402 | 17.5\% |
| SR-14/City Center SB ON | 28-31 | 480 | 20.9\% |
| Hayden Island SB ON | 30-31 | 144 | 6.3\% |
| Denver/Victory BIvd SB OFF Ramp Volume | 33 | 1571 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-33 | 432 | 27.5\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-33 | 293 | 18.7\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-33 | 161 | 10.2\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON | 26-33 | 174 | 11.1\% |
| SR-14/City Center SB ON | 28-33 | 231 | 14.7\% |
| Hayden Island SB ON | 30-33 | 178 | 11.3\% |
| Marine Dr SB ON | 32-33 | 102 | 6.5\% |
| SB I-5 Output Volume (South of Columbia Blvd SB On-Ramp) | 36 | 9144 | 100\% |
| SB Mainline North of SR-500 | 20-36 | 2812 | 30.8\% |
| SR-500/39th St SB ON | 22-36 | 1778 | 19.4\% |
| 4th Plain Blvd SB ON | 24-36 | 299 | 3.3\% |
| Mill Plain Blvd SB ON | 26-36 | 1256 | 13.7\% |
| SR-14/City Center SB ON | 28-36 | 1267 | 13.9\% |
| Hayden Island SB ON | 30-36 | 309 | 3.4\% |
| Marine Dr SB ON | 32-36 | 318 | 3.5\% |
| Victory Blvd SB ON | 34-36 | 190 | 2.1\% |
| Columbia Blvd SB ON | 35-36 | 915 | 10.0\% |



Figure 3 - I-5 Corridor - 2030 Preliminary Peak Period Peak Direction Demand Vols


