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Peter Bush named vice president of physician services for medical center

Peter Bush has been named vice president of Physician Services at Southwest Washington Health System, the parent company of Southwest Washington Medical Center.

In his new position, Bush will provide strategic planning and oversight of Southwest affiliated medical groups and Southwest Physician Services, a management services organization.

Bush brings 27 years of experience in the health care industry, most recently as co-founder of Northwest Cancer Specialists, PC of Washington and Oregon. He is the former vice president of a national home infusion company and a former principal of a regional home infusion company in Southern California.

“Southwest Washington Medical Group and Southwest Physician Services will serve local physicians and mid-level providers by helping them organize around common objectives,” says Bush.

Bush is a graduate of Arizona State University. He is a 14-year resident of Clark County and currently lives in Camas.



Peter Bush

Skills Center Foundation gets four new members



Dustin Hysmith



Dean Mannello



Gayle Rothrock



Peggy Sheehan

The Clark County Skills Center Foundation has added four new members, reports **Katie Foehl**, executive director of the foundation.

They are as follows: **Dustin Hysmith**, sheet metal worker and member of Local 16; **Dean Mannello**, founder of the Sherwood Group; **Gayle Rothrock**, a former member of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board and the Columbia River Gorge Commission, and Rothrock a current member of the board of trustees of Mills College; and **Peggy Sheehan**, manager of the Vancouver Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Skills Center Foundation raises funds to benefit the students enrolled in the Skills Center's technical programs. Opened in 1983, the Skills Center, which is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts, provides technical and professional training programs that prepare Clark County high school and

college students for the workforce.

Replacement I-5 bridge and light rail to Clark College consensus locally preferred alternative

As a result of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board's action Tuesday, the Columbia River Crossing project's six partner agencies have selected a replacement I-5 bridge and light rail extension from Portland to Clark College as the project's locally preferred alternative.

The other partner agencies, all of whom voted for the replacement bridge, are the City of Vancouver, C-TRAN, TriMet, Metro and the City of Portland.

Consensus, however, has not been reached on details of the Columbia River Crossing. The CRC task force is expected to work closely with its partners and the public to address related board and council recommendations in the next phase of project development.

"The decisions of our project sponsors, the recommendations from the community and the findings in the draft environmental impact statement show that the replacement I-5 bridge and light rail to Clark College have the best potential to improve freight mobility, relieve congestion, improve safety for travelers and provide real travel choices while serving the public's needs," says **Don Wagner**, regional administrator for Washington State Department of Transportation, Southwest Region.

Before a final design can be developed, key decisions will be made on project elements including: financing and tolling, number of auxiliary lanes and design of the I-5 bridge, pedestrian and bicycle pathway, high capacity transit alignment on Hayden Island and Vancouver, sustainability plan and mitigation plan. An analysis of the environmental and community effects of the locally preferred alternative and other project elements will be included in a final environmental impact statement, expected in fall 2009.

The Columbia River Crossing Project is a bi-state program created to reduce congestion, enhance freight mobility, and improve safety on I-5 between SR 500 in Vancouver and Victory Boulevard in Portland.

To meet its goals, the project seeks to add light rail across the Columbia River, add merging and weaving lanes between interchanges, rebuild seven interchanges, enhance the bicycle and pedestrian path between the two cities and make the I-5 crossing seismically sound.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Vancouver *Columbian*, production offices, 701 W. 8th Street. <> **Shivas** will entertain with a concert from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 24, in the plaza of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. **Jared Wait-Molyneux** is on guitar and sings. **Colby Wait-Molyneux** plays the drums. **Eric Shanafelt** offers hand percussion. **Griffin Taylor** is on the bass guitar and sings. There is no charge.

Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (7/23)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Memphis (live)—5 p.m. KKAD

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (7/15)—9:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Barbara Holder announcing chancellors series. <> **Carley Francis** getting the facts out. <> **Jennifer Eland** taking care of details. <> **Paul Liberty** working on bridge to Hawaii. <> **Jane Halcomb** has preference for Lake Chelan. <> **Wednesday**, morning clouds, 51-72. **Thursday**, sunny, 53-83. **Friday**, sunny, 58-82.