



## Alliance for a Livable and Sustainable Community

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Mayors Don Britain (Kennewick), Matt Watkins (Pasco), Bob Thompson (Richland)

RE: Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance

Honorable Mayors,

The Alliance for a Livable and Sustainable Community (ALSC) is an affiliation of local government, educational, community health, business and citizen stakeholders working to create a vibrant local community through a long-term policy, planning, and investment strategy. Our mission is to promote and advocate livable and sustainable principles and practices in the Tri-City region by bringing stakeholders together to create and maintain a community-wide collaborative effort to improve the quality of life for all in our community. We have 8 affiliate organizations and quite a few of our members have been able to attend all three presentations on the proposed Reconveyance.

Please note that our position on the reconveyance is neutral as there is not enough solid information to support or oppose the land transfer. However, we are willing to help the process move forward by providing input from our board starting with the following recommendations:

- Each jurisdiction should provide a publically available project description that justifies costs, benefits, responsibilities and taxing mechanisms for each reconveyance scenario being considered. A summary of this information should be published in the TCH and electronic social media.
- Each jurisdiction should allow for formal input from the public via evening meetings that maximize public participation. Prior to each meeting, there should be substantial advertisements in the Tri-City Herald and on social media. These meetings should be conducted by an impartial moderator and have detailed minutes taken of issues presented by the public. The meetings should be followed by a comment matrix summarizing concerns and questions raised at these meetings, with the response from the jurisdictions.
- Create a Memorandum of Agreement with the USACE to facilitate approval for minor work to be done by the cities on remaining Corps land.
- Include the WRDA protections within any conveyance agreement.

With our history of partnerships with the cities and our extensive ties to the community we respectfully hope that these suggestions will be instituted. This will help the public to better understand the issues surrounding the proposed reconveyance. Please feel free to reach out to us if you need any further information.

Respectfully,

Steve Mallory, AIA  
Board President  
Alliance for a Livable and Sustainable Community

cc: Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Representative Dan Newhouse  
TRIDEC CEO Carl Adrian