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I support the Columbia River Crossing project. As a student in Vancouver, I rely on public transportation to get to internships in Portland. However right now transit between Vancouver and Portland is limited to buses, which are unreliable as they are susceptible to congestion, which is especially heavy around the bridge area under consideration. I believe that the extension of light rail into Vancouver, one of this project's key elements, would be greatly beneficial to the community. This project offers numerous other benefits, as well as solutions to several problems the current river crossing situation presents. Light rail is to me though the most important aspect, as it will finally create a reliable connection between Portland and Vancouver, the two largest cities within a hundred mile radius. This project would provide massive benefits to the region, enough to outweigh any costs. I urge the US Coast Guard to grant the bridge permit so that the project can begin as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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We need to find a way to approve this bridge with light rail.

The only way to deal with the height restrictions is to re-design a bridge that opens. There must be more efficient designs that are fast and do not hold up traffic too long.

If not, the current design should be approved with the understanding that the three businesses most affected by the height restrictions should be compensated for their move and losses.

Compromise. Let's build this thing NOW.

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Please build it, as long as it has the appropriate clearances for water traffic underneath. A better vehicle/pedestrian/light rail crossing than the current needs to exist.

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The CRC project is an immensely important project for the entire west coast. It would also positively effect the economies of Vancouver/SW Washington and Portland. Other alternatives are unrealistic and do not address the problems facing that stretch of the I-5 corridor. Replacing the current I-5 bridge with a fixed, multi-use bridge is imperative for the progress of the region, and the entire west coast.



Gail F. Cannady

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I am a private citizen living in Vancouver, WA. The congestion on the I-5 bridge between Vancouver and Portland is a national disgrace. I do not understand how the needs of a few can be pitted against the needs of the entire West Coast. I am strongly in favor of the existing Columbia River Crossing proposed plan. The manufacturers who may occasionally need higher bridge clearance need to make other plans (i.e. building down river). Making a taller bridge would also decimate the liveability of downtown Vancouver in my opinion. Continued delay just makes the project more costly in the long run. The needs of the residents and of highway commerce should take priority. Please get on with it.

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As a resident of Vancouver, Washington, I am in favor of the current plan for the Columbia River Crossing. The long-range future of Vancouver depends on the CRC!

Light rail is part and parcel of a sound area-wide transportation system, including the link to the Portland, OR metropolitan area. With the future of fossil fuels (cost and environmental impacts) in question, Vancouver needs a true mass transit system. Busses won't do the job; light rail will! We must look forward to the importance of this bridge, the major Interstate 5 link, and plan for several modes of transportation.

Much has been invested in the CRC project already. We must move forward in a timely manner to utilize the Federal Funding critical to this project.

Sincerely,
 Mary Ann Glover
 Concerned Citizen
 Vancouver, Washington

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Thank you for taking my comments. I believe the new Interstate Bridge project (CRC) should be completed as quickly as possible with light rail included. I feel this is a project of regional and national significance given the amount of interstate commerce that the bridge facilitates, not to mention the amount of commuter and other traffic. I-5 is a major freeway that connects Canada to Mexico, and right now the need to lift the bridge stops traffic dead at random times depending on the needs of river users, which is ridiculous. The long-range interests of Oregon, Washington, and the region will be served by completing the CRC.

I realize the proposed bridge's height will limit river traffic for three upstream companies. This is unfortunate, but this project, like many others, is a compromise. We will never satisfy all stakeholders completely. I do believe that the three companies, out of many, many more that will not be impacted, should be compensated and given assistance, so their business can continue. The needs of three companies, all of whom state they support the project and expect to benefit from the new bridge, should not outweigh the benefits our entire region will gain from the new bridge.

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The current bridge, with the number of interchanges on both sides of the river, is not safe and will not sustain the effects of a major earthquake. It is narrow, creating a bottleneck, and its arc limits visibility to drivers. Light rail is fundamental to this project-- Our region will grow in population during the next decades, and we need multiple means for people to cross the river. Light rail is not only a common sense way to link Portland with Clark County, but it is forward thinking. Please approve the current proposed design, so this project can get underway!



Ray Witter

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I agree with Mr. Luderman's comments entirely. This project has to be a compromise. The cost and delay of a bridge redesign do not justify any benefits. Further delay is not warranted. Many, many other communities are developing light rail and it is time that Vancouver joined in. Please approve this project so a new bridge can be built as soon as possible.



Michael William Briggs

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While certainly not perfect this bridge is absolutely vital to Oregon and Washington and should go forward. The height issue is the best compromise available when looking at how much room (height clearance) the vast majority of river traffic requires. The three businesses upriver of the bridge should be compensated for any loss they sustain due to the new height clearance. The current bridge is not safe, especially considering the threat of earthquake, is very old, requiring constant maintenance, and the draw bridge function is expensive and ill suited for the use the bridge now receives. Please approve this bridge and design so construction can begin soon

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The specified navigation clearance for the Columbia River Crossing poses no issues for navigation with our fleet of barge mounted cranes.

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The present I5 bridge crossing the Columbia river needs to be replaced.

It would be nice if the bridge could be replaced with one that is tall enough to accommodate all river traffic, but that seems to be too big of a challenge at the present.

The three companies that would be affected the most could be compensated for their losses by being relocated downstream.

Presently the yearly financial costs of stalled traffic, wasting fuel everyday, waiting to cross the bridge probably exceeds the cost to relocate and compensate these companies for their potential lost business.

A new bridge would also make it easier and safer for barge traffic and recreation boat users. Light rail would provide long term relief for commuters and the lower height required for this would make for a cheaper construction cost to complete the bridge at the present time.

Thank You
 Joel Rose

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I support the Columbia River Crossing project and urge the Coast Guard to approve it as well. The I-5 bridge needs to be replaced for reasons already discussed (congestion, poor sight lines, it is a draw bridge, aging support structures). The time is now.

I work in Vancouver. My husband works in Portland and takes a commuter bus. Traffic and commuting is a constant source of frustration for my husband and he would consider working in Vancouver if an equivalent job was available; but that is not the case. We use light rail in Portland to go to events; but would much prefer (and would make more sense) to board in Vancouver.

We need to be forward thinking and do what is best for the population as a whole in the metro area (and beyond).

And that is building a new bridge with light rail now.

Sincerely,
Allison Duncan

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This bridge is something that we really need for the future. We must invest now in light rail. I hope that the bridge plan has very good safe bicycle and pedestrian lanes. Please do the allow the bridge to be built too short or it will be a traffic problem every time a tall masted sail boat needs to sail past.

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We are in great need of a new I-5 bridge across the Columbia River. I understand certain standards must be met. My main concern is the vocal minority's strong campaign against the CRC. Our country and my county are falling behind on mass transit. We need mass transit and that is the only way the federal government will provide funds. Please do whatever must be done structurally to insure that this much needed new bridge is permitted to proceed.

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1) It is relatively low cost to provide Washington State manufacturing manufacturers with land further upriver to manufacture OVER HEIGHT products. The riverfronts of Ridgefield, Woodland and Cowlitz County have available land and are more appropriate places for such manufacturing.

2) America's second most important Freeway (I-5) should NOT have a drawbridge on it. (I - 95 has no drawbridges).

3) The Columbia River near Portland OR may well be the site of future wave energy/river flow electricity generation facilities, and the area upriver (East) of the new CRC I-5 bridge should be reserved for the crucial existing uses (such as agricultural and commodity transport, and just a little bit of hydroelectrical and wind energy generation and transmission), and not used for shipping OVERHEIGHT materials. (Overheight manufacturing are more easily made elsewhere than are the existing crucial uses. In other words, it is much easier to move 4 manufacturers than to move all the farms, mines and water that is upriver from the I-5 CRC).

The Coast Guard and many corporate interests in

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Washington State are focused on the wrong factors. The new Columbia River Crossing (CRC) bridge location and height is primarily influenced by two unchangeable facts – the importance of the freeway, and the location of PDX airport.

Analysis of #1 – Low Cost to move manufacturers from locations upriver of CRC to locations downriver.

Coast Guard, can you move PDX airport? No. Can the CRC entity work with State and local government to move the 3 or 4 manufacturers to locations downriver on the Columbia River, in Ridgefield or Cowlitz County. Yes.

Sure the manufacturers will cry “impossible, and we hate change, and we have special rights as job creators”.

If the manufacturers stopped to think, they could easily negotiate for new state of the art plants (with no R.E. taxes) and a BETTER location to ship their products. It is possible to ship BOTH ways on t



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While I live in Vancouver, Washington, getting back and forth across the I-5 Bridge is nearly impossible. I left downtown Portland Saturday at 5:30pm and it took 45 minutes to get into Washington because of the stacked up traffic at the I-5 Bridge. While I understand the height issue, this bridge just needs to be replaced along with the horrid interchanges on the Oregon side especially. This is just to show my support for the new bridge.

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Dear Coast Guard;

I am writing to communicate my opinion regarding the 'Columbia River Crossing' a bridge to be constructed between Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA to replace the two I-5 bridges. The Coast Guard must sign off on the height of this bridge as part of the construction/design process.

My opinion is that this bridge needs to be built as soon as is possible. This bridge has conflicting design constraints because of the two airports nearby (PDX and a Vancouver small-aircraft historically significant air strip) and the commercial river traffic which 'require' that the bridge be low for the one, and be high for the other.

In addition, the political climate in both the country and in Vancouver, is such that some people are against expenditures for projects supporting the common good.

This bridge will fail if we have a significant earthquake (the old portion is built using douglas fir beams set in sand). The region and the country needs an interstate system which is not subject to bridge lifts (as is the case now) or bridge failures.

I urge you to recommend that the current design height be acceptable (and yes, three companies with shops east of the bridge will be unable to ship some of their largest products using the water - could barges be built which allow the product to be shipped well under the water line?) and ask that you write a strongly-worded statement in favor of building the bridge as soon as is possible.

Thank you for reading my comments!

Sincerely,
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