

From: [Jose Rodriguez](#)
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Hello, my name is Jose Rodriguez & I live in SE Portland. I ride my bike everyday to work in downtown Portland. I will admit that I do not use the I-5 Bridge all that often anymore. I used to live in Vancouver and, although not daily, I did cross the bridge a lot more often then. I wanted to comment though that I don't feel this project is worth anything unless it is FOR SURE that the I-5 corridor is also going to be expanded. The area just south of Marine Drive, above the Columbia Slough, goes to two lanes. What good is having a bigger & better bridge when everyone is still bottle-necked to two lanes just a couple hundred yards away? I strongly urge you guys to not move forward unless you can properly expand this section as well. Of course there is also the bottle-neck that happens downtown & at the I-405 intersection, but I feel that this portion would be another project within itself. I do feel, though, that the Marine Drive area should be considered part of the CRC project and absolutely NEEDS to be expanded/widened as well. Without widening this portion a larger bridge really does nothing but use up state money just to have people sitting in the same traffic congestion. Please feel free to contact me regarding this CRC project if my input could be valuable to you and your teams.



Thanks for your time,
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