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Doug Ficco
 John Osborn
 Columbia River Crossing
 700 Washington Street
 Vancouver, Washington 98660

RE: Public Comments

Dear Mr. Ficco and Mr. Osborn:

The Operative Plasterers Union Local 82, representing 160 members in Oregon and Southwest Washington supports alternative three which is the replacement bridge with light rail.

The current bridge is obsolete. It is the last bridge on the interstate system with a lift span and is unsafe. More accidents happen here than any other section of I-5. There are no safety shoulders, and meets no seismic standards.

The alternative three option is a cost affective option that has transit, removes the lift spans and provides bike and pedestrian facilities.

It is our responsibility to provide infrastructure for the next generation as has been done for us. Replace the bridge.

Sincerely,

Calvin J. McKinnis, II
 Business Manager

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