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Thank you,

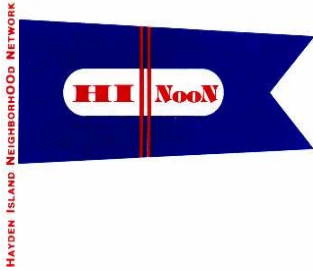
Roger Staver, President  
HINooN

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David Bragdon, President, Metro Council  
600 NE Grand Ave  
Portland OR 97232

June 2, 2008

Dear President Bragdon:

Recent developments in the ongoing evaluation of the Columbia River Crossing project necessitate clarification of the position of HINooN, the Hayden Island Neighborhood Network. This neighborhood association represents the bulk of residents and many small businesses on Hayden Island. HINooN's Board and many of its members have participated in meetings, seminars, charrettes, open houses and hearings. We have become well informed on the issues that CRC might present, as well as the problems that it is intended to solve.

In January of 2008, HINooN's Board of Directors and HINooN members voted full support of the REPLACEMENT BRIDGE WITH LIGHT RAIL. In May, through follow-up email polling, our Board again gave full support to this project. The success of our recently drafted Hayden Island Plan is dependent upon the replacement bridge project.

Our reasoning is sound. Existing impediments to East-West travel on The Island will be resolved. Current traffic problems on I-5 coupled with these impediments make public safety on Hayden Island marginal or substandard during many hours every day. There are no medical facilities on The Island. Even a minor disaster could cost many lives due solely to the inability to secure timely emergency response or transport. We add hours a week to our travel times to get to and from work, or even get around just outside our area.

This is *not* a new bridge or road project. It is a project that vastly improves over five miles (Columbia Blvd to SR 500) of an existing freeway. The CRC project creates efficient exiting and entry systems where hazards and bottlenecks exist now. Ramps are greatly extended allowing for better queuing of waiting traffic. The improvements offered by CRC are extensive and absolutely necessary.

CRC does not just benefit Hayden Island. It removes bottlenecks on a major *existing* transportation corridor and offers improvements that will be felt in commerce, transportation, shipping and pedestrian and bicycle traffic movement. And it is not a single solution to a single problem. It is multiple solutions that work together to solve a myriad of problems. If we don't solve all the problems, we don't achieve the goal.

HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. ....A statement, specific to the importance of the respective group being mailed will be placed in this "red letter" section..... Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

Sincerely,

Roger Staver, President  
HINooN

c: CRC

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**Metro:** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. This is one of those rare times when an opportunity is presented to accommodate long-term future requirements while fixing already insurmountable problems that become worse by the month. Metro's support is critical in allowing the plan to proceed. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

**City of Portland:** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. These critical "repairs" to this essential North-South connection offer benefits to our City and the North Portland area as well as the States of Oregon and Washington that are sorely needed. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

**Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC):** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. Opportunities to advance a transportation corridor to accommodate long-term future requirements, while fixing problems that become worse by the month do not present themselves often. This is one of those rare times. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

**C-Tran:** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. The public transportation elements are among the most important factors in making CRC a success. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

**TriMet:** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. The public transportation elements are among the most important factors in making CRC a success. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

**City of Vancouver:** HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. Vancouver's endorsement of CRC is extremely important, and we hope the benefits of light rail can be recognized in your support of this worthy project. Please join in helping to move CRC forward.