

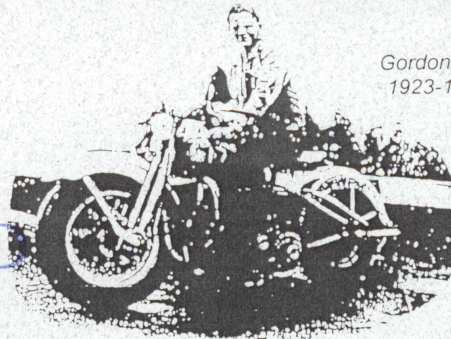
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Attn: Heather Gundersen

Greetings! I am responding to the article that appeared in "The Oregonian" newspaper on May 27, 2008. I have been a long time crosser of the Columbia River. I remember the building of the second span in 1958 and the horrible mess of paying the toll upon each crossing, at first in both directions and then in only one direction. We crossed frequently enough to purchase the toll tokens at a discount.

What I see as the real problem is the "bottle-neck" at the Delta Park area. It has always been this way and why they haven't double decked it at that point remains a mystery. I have lived most of my life in Washington State and can say that light rail is not a welcome option in Washington. The real reason is that we feel there is a lot of corruption involved with the construction of light rail. Other cities in the United States install light rail for a lot less than Hoffman Construction installs it, sometimes at five times less money. Light rail now costs the taxpayer \$5 for each light rail rider. Had Portland invested in bus infrastructure instead of light rail, they could have had a user friendly bus system, with buses running at ten minute intervals on each major street. Hoffman Construction, the real villain in this scenario is lining their pockets with money at our expense.

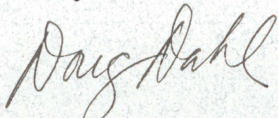
4.2 billion dollars is a lot of money. It is not "free" money dropping from out of the sky; it is coming out of our pockets. Most people have no idea how much money just one billion dollars is. If you spent \$1,000 a day, how long would it take to spend one billion dollars? Go ahead, take a guess. I will bet that you are not even close. One billion is a thousand million, so it would actually take one million days, right? One million days divided by 365 days a year results in 2,740 years to spend one billion dollars at the rate of one thousand dollars a day. At 4.2 billion, you could spend 4,200 dollars a day for over 2,700 years. At just \$1,000 a day almost anyone would have trouble spending it in two years' time (\$730,000). It is something to think about before throwing money at a problem that may not have an easy solution.

I am a problem solver. What I see is a big push for more light rail construction. To date, not one light rail line has been cost effective. Nor will they be in the future. They are a boon to Hoffman Construction and some politicians receiving kick-backs from Hoffman Construction. Years ago I worked on a project of supplying structural steel for Hoffman Construction to build the "Coffee Creek" prison in Wilsonville. I have direct experience working with Hoffman Construction, so I know what I am talking about.

There is an easy solution to the traffic problem, for isn't that what we are actually talking about? Have you ever noticed how there are little traffic problems or tie-ups on the days that government workers have a holiday that we private citizens do not have? Since government workers and employees are actually "our" servants, (isn't that why we pay taxes), it makes sense to me to simply have all government employees work a split shift. Some would go to work 5 AM to 2 PM and the others would go 10 AM to 7 PM allowing us access to government services without having to take time off our work schedule to do so. Wow! Actual government service. With a split schedule, the government employees would be at work during the normal lunch hour, again allowing us access for government service. Right now government employees have better job salaries, better work conditions, better pension plans and give up nothing for these benefits, at our expense. Having government employees work a split work schedule would free up traffic congestion and reduce the need for a 4.2 billion dollar Columbia River Crossing. This is a pretty simple solution. I am sure that most government employees would not be happy with this scenario, but we must face the truth, they are OUR employees, aren't we their bosses? Let's put the right shoe on the right foot. Isn't it worth a try? 4.2 billion on one hand, split work schedule on the other. It would cost NOTHING to try this for awhile. It may work; at least it is a new idea. This is what I do, come up with simple solutions to big problems. Has anyone suggested this? No, I didn't think so; it is too radical and actually makes sense. Maybe for the first time we would actually get something for the tax dollars that we are already spending.

I am available for comment or discussion, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?

LAMENT FOR IGNACIO SANCHEZ MEJIAS

At five in the afternoon.
It was exactly five in the
afternoon.

A boy brought the white
sheet

at five in the afternoon.

A frail of lime ready
prepared

at five in the afternoon.

The rest was death, and
death alone

at five in the afternoon.

The wind carried away the
cottonwool

at five in the afternoon.

And the oxide scattered
crystal and nickel

at five in the afternoon.

Now the dove and the
leopard wrestle

at five in the afternoon.

And a thigh with a
desolate horn

at five in the afternoon.

The bass-string struck up
at five in the afternoon.

Arsenic bells and smoke
at five in the afternoon.

Groups of silence in the
corners

at five in the afternoon.

And the bull alone with a
high heart!

At five in the afternoon.

When the sweat of snow
was coming

at five in the afternoon,

when the bull ring was
covered in iodine

at five in the afternoon.

Death laid eggs in the
wound

at five in the afternoon.

At five in the afternoon.

Exactly at five o'clock in
the afternoon.

A coffin on wheels in his
bed

at five in the afternoon.

Bones and flutes resound
in his ears

at five in the afternoon.

Now the bull was
bellowing through his
forehead

at five in the afternoon.

The room was iridescent
with agony

at five in the afternoon.

In the distance the
gangrene now comes

at five in the afternoon.

Horn of the lily through
green groins

at five in the afternoon.

The wounds were burning
like suns

at five in the afternoon,

and the crowd was
breaking the windows

at five in the afternoon.

At five in the afternoon.

Ah, that fatal five in the
afternoon!

It was five by all the
clocks!

It was five in the shade of

the afternoon!

Federico Garcia Lorca