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Greetings;

Two key issues that need to be addressed and included in the proposed CRC plan are as follows:

1/ A Park & Ride lot is mandatory on Hayden Island to facilitate utilization of the light rail (MAX). Parking will be a major issue with the reconfiguration of the island. Street parking will be inadequate and the Jantzen Beach Super Center lot parking will not be an option.

It would be unrealistic to believe that all island residents are going to walk to the MAX station. In climate weather is always a factor to be considered in Oregon plus the majority of island residents live over ½ miles from the commuter line. Add to this that many riders may be seniors and also there are handicapped residents who need to be served. Many island residents are incapable of getting to the Max station except by car making a Park & Ride with sufficient handicap permit parking spaces a priority.

Whether riders are coming from the western boundary of the manufactured home community or the farthest eastern point of the island, all riders will be better served by a safe,

well lighted Park & Ride lot with a large enough capacity of parking spaces to encourage ridership and allow for future growth.

It is reasonable to anticipate that a number of Washington based drivers will also utilize the Hayden Island Park & Ride station. Obviously this will further the need for a large, sufficient capacity Park & Ride.

2/ Being as Hayden Island is land locked with limited access via one way on and one way off the island, it is imperative that Hayden Island residents be granted toll free access in both directions to Vancouver and Portland.

Island residents have the option to shop in Vancouver. Currently Vancouver residents shop in Oregon to flee their own state sales tax. In kind, Oregonians are encouraged to shop in Vancouver by being exempt from Washington sales tax by simply showing proof of residency. Being required to pay a toll to cross north into southwest Washington, will greatly dissuade Hayden Island shoppers from heading north.

Kudos to your team for an exceptionally well planned project.

Thank you for your consideration,

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