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c/o Heather Gundersen, Environmental Manager
700 Washington Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, WA. 98660

Subj: Marine Drive Interchange / Portland Expo Center
Ref: DEIS - Ch. 2, Pg. 26

Dear Ms. Gundersen, CRC project staff and CRC Task Force Members:

As Executive Director of Portland's all-female roller derby league, the Rose City Rollers, I am writing to express my stern opposition to the proposed Diagonal and Southern Alignment options for the Marine Drive Interchange. We are a 501c3 non-profit whose sustainability is dependent on revenue generated by monthly bouts at the Expo Center, and we fear that the proposed changes would drastically impact these events.

Since October 2005 we have hosted monthly derby bouts to 2500+ attendees from all over the Portland/Vancouver area. Audience members pay an average ticket price of \$22 and spend \$18 on refreshments at events. We employ Hollywood Lights, Horne Audio, Wright Video, Hybrid Moon, and City Graphic just to name a few of the local vendors who would be impacted by our inability to hold our events in the current format and venue. Additionally, to date we have donated over \$15,000 of our ticket revenue and have raised more than \$30,000 for to local charities including the Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation, Oregon Humane Society, and Basic Rights Oregon.

The proposed Diagonal and Southern Alignment options would create such serious issues with scheduling (from of loss of buildings), parking and vendor accessibility that our organization would face a precarious loss of financial viability. Finding a new location that can accommodate a sport like ours, at a price we can afford, would be next to impossible.

We strongly support the Standard/Current Interchange to preserve the integrity of the Expo Center, the economic health of our business and the connectivity that is vital to all events. Please consider these negative impacts when voting for the proposed options within the DEIS.

Sincerely,

Kim Stegeman (aka Rocket Mean)
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Cc: Chris Bailey, Director - Portland Expo Center