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Columbia River Crossing  
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Dear CRC :

It is so important that you consider and weigh very carefully the Light-Rail decision on any Columbia River crossing. Light-Rail (were it to be built) would be completely outdated when finished. It is too slow and the cost is too expensive per rider. Light-rail is not flexible enough to meet the majority of the needs of Clark County.

As you know all businesses in Clark County would have to pay an employee tax for light-rail.....have the business owners been informed of the cost of what that tax will be? Have you considered the amount it would cost for security? It would be several million dollars per year for security alone. We have a huge gang problem now – do you want a greater gang problem by the easy access of light-rail?

When Washington residents work in Oregon they pay well over \$100 million in taxes to Oregon, yet Oregon residents don't want to pay tax in Washington and are not taxed on items purchased in Washington State. Oregon must be expected to pay and share 50 percent of the expense of a new bridge. Washington residents and officials – Clark County in particular - seem to be expected to do whatever Portland area officials want them to do. It is time to stand up to them and realize that they do not have workable ideas or solutions for Clark County as they are not even able to

work out their own traffic solutions

While putting the pilings in for the new bridge – there will be hazardous sediment that will come up and go into Vancouver Lake via the flushing channel. What are the safeguards to keep this from taking place?

The law requires a vote of the people of Clark County for any light-rail project – because of the disaster created with Seattle area light-rail. This law should not and cannot be ignored by Clark County and City of Vancouver officials.

Sincerely,

Carol Panfilio