



My name is Pamela Ferguson and I live at 2270 North Broughton Drive on Hayden Island. I have been proudly watching the Task Force and Project Team for over three years and applaud your efforts. Even though Hayden Island did not have a neighborhood representative on this Task Force, we thank Walter Valenta for looking out for the interests of Hayden Island and its' residents.

I represent the residents of Hayden Island Manufactured Home Community, a community of 440 home owners and 150 RVers – many of our residents have lived on Hayden Island for 25 to 30 to even 35 years. We are a diverse and opinioned community of low income residents – senior citizens, single parent families, working singles, handicapped, and many veterans. We are diverse but have one thing in common – we love Hayden Island and do not want to live anywhere else.

My neighbors are most concerned about reducing congestion on I-5 so that we can have easier asset to our homes on our island. The standing joke among seniors in our community is that they hope when they have their heart attack it's NOT between the hours of 3pm and 7pm when the traffic is too heavy to get emergency vehicles to us!

In addition to less traffic congestion, Hayden Island residents specifically want –

- Easy access on and off I-5
- Easy and direct access to Marine Drive (provided by the replacement bridge option only)
- Light rail transportation (it's sexier than Bus Rapid transit!)
- East / west public transport on island
- An exclusive light rail parking lot for local residents to park to use light rail on the island
- Tolling – we understand the necessity of it for everyone else – but hope that local residents will be cut a deal as we do as much (or more) shopping / recreating in Vancouver as we do in Portland. Our closest Fred Meyer is now in Vancouver not in Portland and we would hate to have to pay a toll to get to our closest Fred Meyer.
- Transit alignment – much discussion – we have decided upon alignment with the bridge structure to have the least impact visually on the island landscape.
- We also want a beautiful bridge, appealing to the eye and the soul, and something to be proud of perhaps with a bridge park under the bridge structure giving the history of the bridge crossing.

The HIMHC would like to ask you to vote for Alternative 3 from the DEIS - Replacement Bridge with Light Rail - for the future of our island community. Let's go ahead and build this bridge!

Thank you for your attention and your service!

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