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The East Columbia neighborhood met on June 10, 2008 and voted to submit the following statement:

The East Columbia Neighborhood supports the alternative of a replacement bridge with light rail, and that would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle transportation. We support the idea of making the bridge aesthetically pleasing and hope that an internationally acclaimed design is chosen for the bridge.

We strongly encourage the CRC committee to carefully examine and consider the impacts any bridge project would have on the traffic of NE Marine Drive. Marine Dr. borders the northern edge of our neighborhood and increased truck or freight traffic would be detrimental to the livability of our neighborhood. We are opposed to any reclassification of Marine Dr as anything other than a neighborhood "collector" street. Improved access to I-5 and Hayden Island would greatly improve traffic flow for the residents of our neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our statement. We look forward, as a neighborhood, to work with the various agencies on this project as it goes forward.

Maryhelen Kincaid, Chair

Board Of Directors: Will Stevens, Karen Myers, Ron Myers, Dick Towle, Gyrid Hyde-Towle, Carolyn May, Christy Perrot, Emma Pletz

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