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To: [Columbia River Crossing;](#) 
CC:
Subject: bridge and light-rail
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Attachments:

I am in agreement to replace the bridge including the light-rail system option.

I request that there be very little impact on the Uptown portion of Vancouver. This area is already suffering because of increased gas and food prices.

I need to study the partner list for this project. Since the I-5 corridor is such an important transportation artery on the west coast, have all of the potential funding partners been identified? Have we opened up a dialogue with California, Canada and Mexico along with the Indian Nations depending on tourists for their casinos? I do not want to see the residents of Clark County be burdened with the majority of the cost and maintenance.

With this project, has local (inside Vancouver city) transportation been included? In –other- words, once people have disembarked from the light-rail, will they be able to reach all areas of the downtown (including our businesses in Uptown) cheaply? Uptown is not really within walking distance from Esther Short park.

I noticed while watching the council meeting tonight, statistics from other cities considering this type of project, unfortunately does not address the high cost of fuel. In the past, mass transportation (the inconvenience of it all for commuters) was not so much less than using your own car.

If light rail was close by, I would use it to go to Portland or to go to the Vancouver Mall especially if the cost of this mode of transportation.

However, if this transportation cannot support itself, then I will have to pass on the light-rail but will continue supporting the replacement bridge.

Sincerely,

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