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Mr. Doug Ficco, Project Co-Director
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Dear Mr. Ficco and Mr. Osborn:

At the meeting of the Clark College Board of Trustees on May 19, 2008, the Board passed Resolution No. 134, recommending that ALTERNATIVE 3: Replacement Bridge with Light Rail, as described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, be included in the development of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Clark College understands that one of four options for a light rail terminus will be recommended in the LPA. Clark College does not offer a specific recommendation on the choice of light rail terminus. If the option of the Clark College Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) is chosen, Clark College will support this choice, provided the conditions described below are met:

1. Appropriate measures are taken to insure the safety of Clark College students and other pedestrians accessing College facilities on either side of Fort Vancouver Way.
2. Appropriate measures are taken to minimize traffic volume and congestion on Fort Vancouver Way and East McLoughlin Blvd. resulting from the project.
3. Sufficient security measures are taken to safeguard Clark College students and employees and College property from any increase in crime resulting from the introduction of the light rail terminus in Central Park.
4. Steps are taken to safeguard College-owned parking facilities and City-owned on-street parking adjacent to the College from infringement by users of the light rail system. If a parking fee is charged at a Park and Ride

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facility located on Clark College or City of Vancouver property on or in the vicinity of the former WSDOT Visitors Center, Clark College will need to develop a parking permit system for its students. Clark College should be appropriately compensated for the cost to implement this system.

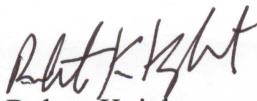
5. Clark College is compensated at current fair market value for any loss of property resulting from the project.

Clark College expects that access to the proposed Park and Ride facility will be closed from East McLoughlin Blvd. to minimize increased traffic volume resulting from the project. Clark College expects that access to the Park and Ride facility from the south along East Mill Plain Blvd. and northbound I-5 will be provided via an auxiliary lane adjacent to I-5. The College expects that access from the north will be restricted to Fourth Plain Blvd. and the I-5 interchange at Fourth Plain Blvd.

Clark College expects that the Clark College MOS light rail terminus, if selected, will be oriented in a northerly direction adjacent to the Park and Ride lot to facilitate future connections to an eastern and/or northern light rail segment.

Clark College commends the Columbia River Crossing Task Force and the Columbia River Crossing staff for the time and hard work devoted to this project to date. As Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard noted in his 2008 State of the City Address, "The stakes are not just local, but also regional, statewide, national and even international." Clark College believes, as the mayor noted, that the proposed project will support the future economic viability of our region well into this century and beyond.

Sincerely,



Robert Knight
President

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 134

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Trustees of Clark College, Community College District 14, State of Washington, providing direction to the Columbia River Crossing Project on the development of a locally preferred alternative.

WHEREAS the Columbia River Crossing project seeks to address problems on the Interstate 5 corridor between State Route 500 in Vancouver, Washington, and Columbia Boulevard in Portland, Oregon, including: growing travel demand and congestion; impaired freight movement; limited public transportation operation, connectivity, and reliability; safety and vulnerability to incidents; substandard bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and seismic vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS the Columbia River Crossing project is committed to implementing the principles of sustainability into project planning, design, and construction in order to improve the natural environment and the regional economy whenever possible; and to minimize effects related to climate change; and

WHEREAS the Columbia River Crossing Task Force has identified five alternatives to address problems in the Columbia River Crossing corridor;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Clark College, Vancouver, Washington, recommends the following alternative identified in the Columbia River Crossing draft environmental impact statement:

Alternative 3, Replacement Crossing with Light Rail

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Clark College at its regular meeting held May 19, 2008.

SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Chair of the Board and the President of Clark College this 19th day of May 2008.

CLARK COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 14
By:

Rhona Sen Hoss
Chair, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

ROBERT K. KNIGHT
President, Clark College
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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