02349 1 of 3

From: <u>Campbell, Pat</u>

To: Destin Young; Columbia River Crossing;

CC:

**Subject:** RE: Support a Climate Smart Columbia River Crossing

**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008 10:06:50 AM

**Attachments:** 



## Destin, I'm forwarding your comments to CRC. - Pat

**From:** Destin Young [mailto:pyrogen@mac.com]

**Sent:** Tue 5/27/2008 12:13 PM

To: Campbell, Pat

**Cc:** vancouver\_city\_council@clfuture.org; clark\_county\_commission@clfuture.org

Subject: Re: Support a Climate Smart Columbia River Crossing

## Specifically:

- -We should increase public transit and pedestrian traffic and repair existing vehicle infrastructure ie roads and bridges.
- -Increasing lanes and through fare traffic only supports more vehicular traffic creating a larger problem of traffic and pollution in the future, while destroying the surrounding neighborhoods with over-flow traffic.
- -viable solutions would be implementing tolls on existing bridges to both raise revenue for bridge repair and road maintenance and effectively lower vehicular traffic and projected future traffic. By encouraging mass public transit and pedestrian traffic one could effectively diminish traffic and reduce the future repair overhead of existing infrastructure.

In summary encouraging more traffic in now way solves the traffic problem but rather encourages more traffic and pollution. Focusing on Toll bridges is a preferred method of raising bridge repair funds rather than building a monolithic freeway bridge that taps public resources that could be better spent making meaningful reductions in traffic and pollution.

Respectively,

02349 2 of 3

## Destin Young

On May 27, 2008, at 12:00 PM, Campbell, Pat wrote:

Mr. Young, You are speaking in generalities. In your mind what are the specifics? Thanks in advance, Pat Campbell, Vancouver City Council

From: Destin Young [mailto:pyrogen@mac.com]

Sent: Tue 5/27/2008 11:30 AM

**To:** <u>vancouver\_city\_council@clfuture.org</u>; <u>clark\_county\_commission@clfuture.org</u>

Subject: Support a Climate Smart Columbia River Crossing

Dear Elected Official

The I-5 Columbia River Crossing is our region's biggest public works project in history. The way we move forward on this project will impact our region for generations to come.

I believe that the Columbia River Crossing project (CRC) must be part of our climate change solution. The Portland metropolitan area is known nationally for our forward thinking land use and transportation planning. We should seize this moment and capitalize on our sustainability know-how and be at the forefront of determining how to make transportation projects part of the global warming solution. There is no better place to begin this challenging work than with the mother of all transportation projects - the CRC.

The way the project is currently designed will leave us unprepared for the future, while draining \$4 billion of our limited public resources 02349 3 of 3

from other important transportation projects. Right now the project will increase global warming pollution, harm people's health, and undermine our region.s vision of a sustainable economy.

Please ensure our public dollars are spent wisely by NOT supporting the current Columbia River Crossing project. Instead, please support reconfiguring the project to reduce the growth of driving in the future and help us meet our global warming reduction goals.

Respectfully,

**Destin Young**