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Columbia River Crossing

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Columbia River Crossing 700 Washington St., Suite 300 Vancouver, WA 98660

Re: Draft EIS Feedback

Gentlemen,

One, I am a member of the Freight Working Group for the Columbia River Crossing, but more importantly, two, I represent Swanson Bark & Wood Products, which is a mulch products manufacturing company primarily in the Pacific Northwest.

Traffic tie-ups on the existing I-5 bridge cost us several thousand dollars per month. We have to route our trucks primarily on I-205 at the current time, even though traveling I-5 would often be shorter in miles. As a business, we are willing to pay a toll for the new bridge to reduce our time and energy usage to cross the existing structure.

We don't have an opinion on whether the new bridge includes light rail or light transit. Either one is fine with us – we just need a new bridge.

John Leber President

Sincerely