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Comment or Question:
Dear CRC Commission,



I have heard the proposal for the new I-5 bridge. I live in Vancouver and commute to Portland daily on the I-205 bridge (car and public transportation). Occasionally I take the I-5 bridge. Additionally, I have biked across the I-5 and I-205 bridge. Here are my thoughts:

THE CRC PROPOSAL IS STUPID AND ILL CONCEIVED! Only three lanes in each direction, but you will make plenty of room for the MAX train and bike lanes?!?!?! The bridge needs FOUR or FIVE traffic lanes in each direction or don't waste your time building the bridge at all. Why do you hate vehicles?? Why punish car & truck drivers who pay the taxes for the roads? Yes, a new I-5 bridge will be wider and have safety lanes. But you are not fully planning for the future (let alone today) if you only put in three traffic lanes.

Additionally, you seem to have no realistic plan regarding toll collection. How will occasional users cross a toll bridge that is set up for electronic collection? Don't they make up 1/3 or more of those crossing the bridge? Will you make us drive out of our way to pick up a one time use electronic device? Again, why are you only punishing cars?? Why are you not putting a toll on the MAX and the bikes??? Why have a toll at all?? We all know that the toll charge will NEVER end. Once a government agency starts taxing, it cannot stop. I also sense that you cannot wait to put a toll on the I205 bridge. Both bridges should be toll free.

Frankly, all I see is another government agency out of control and following special interests (groups that wants us to stop driving cars). This is not Maoist China. We don't commute to work on bikes. Cars are part of our daily lives and they are not going away.

Thanks,

Glenn

PS – if you need help on this project, I can stop by and mark up your proposal. I have 20 years of engineering and management experience.