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Subject: Marine Drive Interchange / Portland Expo Center
Reference: DEIS – Ch. 2, Pg. 26

Dear Ms. Gundersen, CRC project staff and CRC Task Force Members:

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My name is Jason Wilson and I own and produce the Portland Rod & Custom Show and the Portland Motorcycle Show held annually at the Expo Center in February and November respectively. Our events are two of the hundreds of events and activities at the Expo Center that would be adversely affected by the proposed southern and/or diagonal alignment of Marine Drive.

The Portland Rod & Custom Show has been at the Expo Center since its inception in 1999. In our 10 years, we have brought over 200,000 vendors, visitors and participants to the Expo Center, from the local area and from out of town to the Portland region, helping to fill the local hotels and restaurants, creating positive economic growth. In addition to the vendors, visitors and participants, we are proud to employ local service providers to handle our security, decorations, printing and electrical work.

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While we are not opposed to the Interstate 5 bridge project on the whole, we are *strongly* against any realignment that directly affects Marine Drive. In reviewing the proposed southern and diagonal alignments of Marine Drive, we feel these two options would change traffic patterns, negatively impacting access to the Expo Center as well as our ingress and egress, reduce available parking and in the worst case, eliminate building space at the Expo Center.

We support the standard plan for Marine Drive which will allow us and our patrons to continue our business at the Expo Center and support the Portland economy. The Portland Expo Center is a strong economic engine in the region and we ask you to consider the negative impact to the Expo Center and hundreds of events and activities housed at the facility when voting on the proposed options.

Best regards,

Jason Wilson
President, Kinsey-Wilson Enterprises, Inc.

cc: Chris Bailey, Director – Portland Expo Center



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Following the publication of the DEIS in May 2008, and the selection of the LPA in July 2008, the CRC project team established a Stakeholder Group to provide feedback on the function and design of the Marine Drive interchange. This advisory group was comprised of a wide range of stakeholders with strong interests in the final design of this interchange including Metro; TriMet; the Oregon Department of Transportation; the City of Portland; the Port of Portland; trucking and distributions companies; the Audubon Society; nearby property owners or operators, such as Diversified Marine and the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; as well as community members from the surrounding Bridgeton, Kenton, and East Columbia Neighborhoods.

As discussed in Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS, working with this advisory group, the CRC project team conducted studies that analyzed the traffic operations, property impacts, and potential environmental effects for a range of potential interchange designs. The Marine Drive interchange design included in the LPA that is analyzed in the FEIS was developed with this stakeholder advisory group to balance many competing interests, including freight mobility, property impacts to nearby properties, and environmental impacts. More detailed information regarding this process and its outcome is available in the Marine Drive Interchange Alignment Recommendation Process: Final Summary Report and Stakeholder Recommendation, available online in the project's electronic library at www.columbiarivercrossing.org or by contacting the project office.

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Please see response to comment B-004-001.