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 C/o Heather Gunderson, Environmental Manager  
 700 Washington Street, Suite 300  
 Vancouver, WA 98660

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

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

**B-013-001** My name is Marla Baumann. I own and produce the Rose City Gun Collectors Shows held at the Portland Expo Center in the months of January, March, April, June, July, September, November and December. Our eight shows, along with hundreds of other events held every year will be affected by the proposed southern and/or diagonal alignment of Marine Drive.

The Rose City Gun Collectors have hosted shows at the Expo Center for over twenty years. Vendors and visitors to our shows enhance the revenue of many local hotels and restaurants in Portland during the year. We also employ the services of decorators, security companies and printing and electrical contractors based in Portland.

**B-013-002** While we are supportive of the Interstate 5 Bridge expansion, we are against the southern and diagonal realignments based on the negative impact to Marine Drive traffic flow, reduced access to the Expo Center and elimination of current structures and parking spaces.

We support the standard plan for Marine Drive, which would allow business to continue at the Expo Center and support the Portland economy. Please consider the negative impact to the Expo Center, the business community, and the events taking place at the facility when voting on the proposed options.

Sincerely,

Marla Baumann  
 President, Rose City Promotions, Inc.

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### B-013-001

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](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org) or by contacting the project office.

### B-013-002

Please see response to comment B-013-001.