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P-0545-001 Regarding the I-5 bridge plan. The answer is simple. There are many people who live in Washington, but work in Oregon. Oregon collects taxes from the Washington workers. However, Oregon has never allowed any of the Washingtonians to vote or decide how this money is spent. Isn't this taxation without representation? Oregon should take this money collected from the Washington workers and build the bridge. At least some of the money taken over the years by Oregon would then benefit the people being taxed!!

Thank you

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Please refer to Chapter 4 of the FEIS for a description of the current plans for funding construction and operation of the LPA. This discussion provides an updated assessment of likely funding sources for this project, though it is not common practice to receive funding commitments prior to completion of the alternative selection process. As described in the FEIS, project funding is expected to come from a variety of local, state, and federal sources, with federal funding and tolls providing substantial revenue for the construction. As Oregon and Washington businesses and residents will benefit from the project's multi-modal improvements, both states have been identified as contributors to the project. As jurisdictions on both sides of the river seek to encourage non-auto travel, tolls are not anticipated for bikes, pedestrians, and transit users. Lastly, CRC assumes funds allocated to other projects and purposes would remain dedicated to those projects and purposes.

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