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Attachments:

P-0714-001 I strongly support the resolution presented by Metro Councilors Carlotta Collette, Robert Liberty and Carl Hosticka for charging tolls on the current bridge between Portland and Vancouver. The resolution promises immediate (if slight) relief of rush hour congestion.

> It would generate funds for undoubtedly necessary upgrades to the current bridge structure, on-ramps and mass transit capacity. And, if followed, would provide information in a straight forward way to decision makers regarding the willingness of the travelling public to pay for new commuting amenities.

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Modeling has indicated that tolling I-5 without making the improvements that are part of the CRC project would not meet the project's Purpose and Need. This does not mean that some form of tolling prior to constructing CRC couldn't be implemented. The ultimate decision on any tolling options will be made by both the Washington and Oregon Transportation Commissions.