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Columbia River Crossing
c/o Heather Gundersen, Environmental Manager
700 Washington Street, Suite 300
Vancouver, WA. 98660

Subj: Marine Drive Interchange / Portland Expo Center
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Dear Ms. Gundersen, CRC project staff and CRC Task Force Members:

B-057-001 As Executive Director of Portland's all-female roller derby league, the Rose City Rollers, I am writing to express my stern opposition to the proposed Diagonal and Southern Alignment options for the Marine Drive Interchange. We are a 501c3 non-profit whose sustainability is dependent on revenue generated by monthly bouts at the Expo Center, and we fear that the proposed changes would drastically impact these events.

Since October 2005 we have hosted monthly derby bouts to 2500+ attendees from all over the Portland/Vancouver area. Audience members pay an average ticket price of \$22 and spend \$18 on refreshments at events. We employ Hollywood Lights, Home Audio, Wright Video, Hybrid Moon, and City Graphic just to name a few of the local vendors who would be impacted by our inability to hold our events in the current format and venue. Additionally, to date we have donated over \$15,000 of our ticket revenue and have raised more than \$30,000 for to local charities including the Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation, Oregon Humane Society, and Basic Rights Oregon.

B-057-002 The proposed Diagonal and Southern Alignment options would create such serious issues with scheduling (from loss of buildings), parking and vendor accessibility that our organization would face a precarious loss of financial viability. Finding a new location that can accommodate a sport like ours, at a price we can afford, would be next to impossible.

We strongly support the Standard/Current Interchange to preserve the integrity of the Expo Center, the economic health of our business and the connectivity that is vital to all events. Please consider these negative impacts when voting for the proposed options within the DEIS.

Sincerely,

Kim Stegeman (aka Rocket Mean)
Executive Director
Rose City Rollers
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Cc: Chris Bailey, Director - Portland Expo Center

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Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments on the I-5 CRC DEIS.

B-057-002

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.