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Subject: CRC Light Rail Crossing Project – problem 11

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Re: CRC Light Rail Crossing Project – problem 11

To: feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org

No funding for light rail operations and maintenance

Please do not approve this project. Here are fundamental reasons why it should be rejected:

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The CRC project includes the construction of light rail. Yet this project has no provision for funding the operation and maintenance of light rail. A vote is promised for next year. Clark County has had 2 light rail votes in the past and both failed. There is still a strong opposition to light rail. A vote for light rail O&M next year is likely to be fail again. Current law does not allow tolls to be used for light rail. It would be poor stewardship to construct a light rail line that has no funds to operate it. It is a fundamental flaw that calls for this project to remain unapproved as long as no O&M funds are available to fund light rail.

It would be irresponsible to move forward with this project with such glaring red flags.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to:

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A public vote on funding for C-TRAN's portion of the light rail operations is anticipated for 2012.