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There is absolutely no way this project should move forward without voter approval.

The level of controversy and potential scandal involded make it mandatory.

Worst yet is the obvious public opposition to light rail being extended to Vancouver.

Made more obvious by the deliberate prohibition of voting by public officials who know the outcome.

With the economy in total flux and all things in a new economy of desperation we cannot afford to allow officials to act as nothing is new.

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There will not be a public vote on construction of the various CRC project elements. However, as a public project, it must be approved and funded by the decisions of elected officials who are themselves directly elected by voters. Long-term operation and maintenance of the new light rail line will be funded through C-TRAN and TriMet. For its share of the operations and maintenance funding, C-TRAN plans on pursuing a public vote.