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As a long time pilot using Pearson airport I would like to urge that any reconstruction of the I-5 bridge crossing the Columbia river strongly consider removing the towers on the northern side to reduce the departure climb gradient required when departing the airport to the west. It would seem a fixed span high enough for ship passing could be designed further to the south.

Cliff Hanson

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Following the close of the 60-day DEIS public comment period in July 2008, the CRC project's six local sponsor agencies selected a replacement I-5 bridge with light rail to Clark College as the project's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). These sponsor agencies, which include the Portland City Council, Vancouver City Council, TriMet Board, C-TRAN Board, Metro Council, RTC Board, considered the DEIS analysis, public comment, and a recommendation from the CRC Task Force when voting on the LPA.

New bridges will replace the existing Interstate Bridges to carry I-5 traffic, light rail, pedestrians and bicyclists across the Columbia River. The proposed bridge design would eliminate the existing towers and would be high enough to allow for adequate marine clearance.