

## Top 7 reasons to reject current CRC plan!

### Does not solve problem

- a. Wrong Place, does not solve congestion or freight issues!
- 2. Years of Destruction/construction, that won't help anyone!**
- 3. Raises Taxes**
  - a. Tolls, debt for OR/WA, hard on SW WA economy, costs jobs, \$2000/year increase for commuters!
  - b. SW WA rescues tri-mets troublesome finances!
- 4. Forsakes ALL other projects in OR/WA**
  - a. <https://gis.odot.state.or.us/opt/>
  - b. <http://wsdot.wa.gov/publications/fulltext/projects/watchlistseptember2012.pdf>  
Watch list of current projects! They aren't watching CRC!
- 5. Expensive** – Costs way too much, debt for OR/WA/FED
- 6. CRC are incompetent** – Bridge height, questionable process! Etc.
- 7. People have voted against it**
  - a. CTRAN lost 56.51 vs. 43.49 83,570 v. 64,310 \$5 million a year
  - b. Madore defeated incumbent for County Commissioner 53.34 v. 44.58 84,382 v. 70,521
  - c. Mielke defeats better funded opponent who was pro CRC! Say NO
    - i. 51.72 v. 48.16
    - ii. 91, 139 v. 84,859
    - iii. Tanner was better funded by far!

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Gentlemen,

I am a lifelong Vancouver Resident with a business here that employs some 25 people. I am a member of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, the Clark County Association of Realtors, the Building Industry Association, the Southwest Washington Contractors Association and many other groups. We do cross the I-5 Bridge as part of our daily travel. . The idea that they would suggest 95 feet of 116 feet and effectively block river traffic is unfathomable!

My family moved here in 1941 to build ships in the Vancouver Shipyard. We have our roots in Vancouver ever since. I am aware that the crews built Liberty ships and Baby Aircraft Carriers that helped us win the war! In 1966, my Dad was knocked off an oil rig at the Vancouver shipyards and fell 20 feet onto his head. It was said that if he had not been unconscious that he would have died. It took him years to recover from this injury, but he was proud of the work done at the Vancouver Shipyards. These oil rigs had to pass through the I-5 Bridge and I don't believe they would be able to pass at 116 feet! When I was older, he took me to a sideways launch of a Supertanker at FMC in Portland that he had helped to build. Incredible!

I respectfully request that you deny the CRC's current bridge proposal because it hurts commerce and possible future commerce. It precludes current and future uses east of the I-5 Bridge. I know the CRC project has even proposed moving some of the businesses that are east of the Bridge. What a ridiculous ideas. The river had been a tremendous asset in the past and may be able to help us in our future. There are miles of navigable shoreline on both sides of the river that must be explored in the future! Any new project must allow for transportation east of the river.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Gomez", written in a cursive style.

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