

Dear Senator Beyer:

Please vote no on HB 2800 Interstate-5 Bridge Replacement Project for these reasons:

Bridges have more than 50 years of life left and could be given a seismic upgrade at less cost than has been spent on the CRC planning process thus far;

Planners have not looked at alternatives beyond I-5 to solve problem--a real alternatives analysis should occur;

Rather than this single massive CRC mega-highway project, focus should be on reasonable, low-cost alternatives to speed up freight and lessen congestion;

Oregonians should not foot the bill for a bridge project utilized by a majority of Washington drivers;

Oregonians should not foot the bill for a bridge project that will NOT solve the problem, I5 narrows to same bottleneck at bridge at rose quarter and people do not want to expand the freeway through the Portland;

Legislators should utilize Federal and local dollars for a project that could be a win-win such as separated bike paths that go from each of our major cities out and down on the coast--this would provide jobs for construction workers and would be a tourist destination bringing in dollars from outside Oregon to hotels, B and B's, restaurants, parks, stores, bicycle guides, etc.

This CRC project is an unimaginative boondoggle. I know we can do better with our limited resources.

Sincerely, Marcy Cauthorn 2680 Baker Blvd Eugene OR 97403