

Dear Honorable Senator Rosenbaum,

We don't normally agree with this conservative Oregonian Columnist, Brian Monaghan, but his final analysis in today's article is correct: This project is NOT wanted.

He forgot to cover any of the green issues that you, Kirsten and I care about, however, so I wrote this letter to the editor of the Oregonian:

Dear Editor,

Brendan Monaghan does a good job of defining the arguments various camps have against proceeding with the Columbia River Crossing freeway expansion project.

But as often the case in this debate he forgot to include any of the almost countless environmental and livability concerns most Pacific Northwesterners care deeply about.

The CRC environmental impact statement, which was written by paid CRC backers, is patently inaccurate.

Portlanders don't want to see I-5 destroy even more of our city and Vancouver residents don't want to see their downtown ripped apart to make way for more concrete and asphalt.

There are more sensible and certainly less counter-productive ways to approach our 21st century transportation, pollution and livability concerns than a wasteful throwback to a 1950's-style freeway expansion. Frankly, we expect better leadership from our lawmakers especially those who claim "green" credentials.

PS, Senator Rosenbaum, we need you to ask why are they cutting a significant part of the bike/ped path to merely save \$15 million on a multi-billion dollar project?

Maybe we are missing something here but we just don't see how this project aligns with (what we thought) our common values were when we encouraged our friends and neighbors to vote for you.

Sincerely,

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