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It would be a refreshing change to see politicians act on the premise of "what is best for the people" instead of what can I get out of this?"

I have been involved in the CRC issue for years and it has become increasingly clear that the CRC/LRT is money based. For all the obvious reasons, Kitzhaber and Portland want Vancouver to help stop the hemorrhaging for their dying Max system, property developers/owners in downtown Vancouver want to milk the financial gravy train, our local politicians want power and to pay-back, and the poor citizen gets screwed in the process.

Here's the bottom line for me: We have been lied to by the CRC, Tri-Met, C-Tran, Mayor Leavitt, Metro, et.al. All in the attempt to shove this light rail issue down our throats. The people of Vancouver have made it perfectly clear. We need two NEW bridges, one east off 192nd going to Gresham and one west of I-5 to handle port traffic.

When will legislators understand that we are not willing to pay tolls on an existing bridge or pre-tolling. The I-5 bridge as it stands, is in fine shape!

Please do not continue with this farce any longer. Put it to rest and get on with what really needs to occur. Build some new bridges that will actually relieve congestion, improve traffic flow, and all at a reasonable cost.

We will begin a boycott of bridges into Portland with tolls. It's meant to be a punishment, not a necessity.

It is time to behave like sensible adults, do what needs to be done in a timely manner, and stop this insanity that has become so divisive between our two states.

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