A new I-5 Columbia River High Bridge will be one of the steepest in the US. Its severe grade and local weather will also make it one of the most dangerous.



The 205 Bridge is the 8<sup>th</sup> most dangerous bridge in the country. Wind, fog, rain, and black ice combined with bridge grade and curves generated 124 accidents in 2019.

https://katu.com/news/local/numbers-show-glenn-jackson-bridge-a-hotspot-for-accidents

A new I-5 High Bridge will have the same weather, similar curves, and a steeper grade making it **potentially more dangerous** than the 205 bridge.



In February 2021 an ice storm shut down I-84. An SUV hit black ice and skidded off the 205 Bridge into the Columba River.



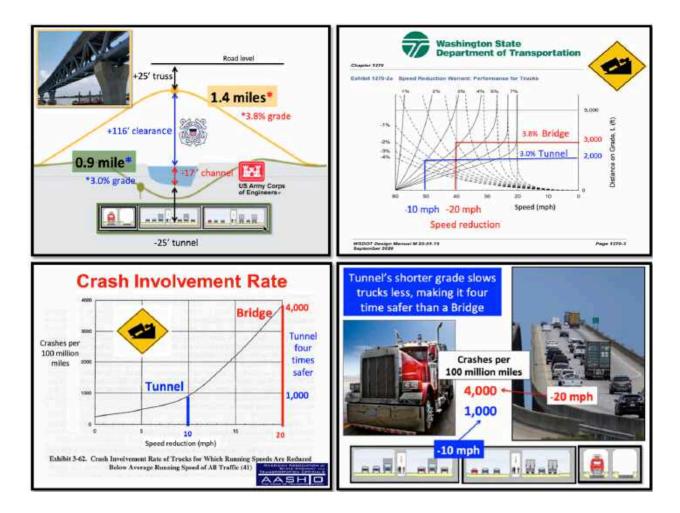
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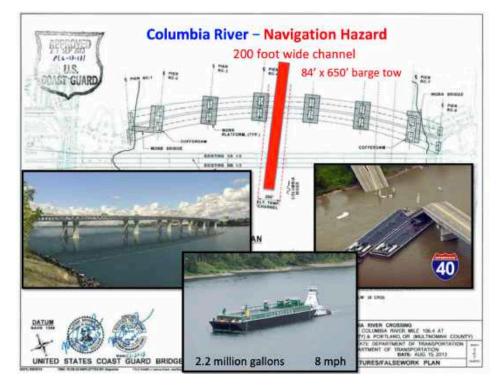
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A WSDOT graph shows trucks will slow by 20 mph on a High Bridge but only 10 mph in an ITT.

An American Assoc. of State Highways (AASHTO) graph shows an ITT slowing of only 10 mph would be **four times safer** than a bridge.



A during construction a bridge will require massive cofferdams that will narrow the navigation channel to only two hundred feet. Six piers will support a High Bridge and be **permanent navigation hazards.** 



Bridge construction is almost twice a dangerous for workers. The workers compensation insurance rate reflects the **risk of injury or death** during construction.



An ITT is safer during construction. It is also many times safer than a bridge for vehicle and river traffic. **How many injuries and lives could be saved in the next hundred years?** 





Trelleborg - How to build an immersed tunnel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Xkyyc9PIQA

Trip through Tingstad Tunnel, Gothenburg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoEBbmecd88

Trip through Marieholm Tunnel before its Dec. 16 opening, Gothenburg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BT9s2Pf9Wms&feature=youtu.be

Construction of the Marieholm Tunnel, Gothenburg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kcAIBFCz8w&feature=youtu.be

Launch of the Marieholm Tunnel elements, Gothenburg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC4mRlgwXU0

Elizabeth River Tunnel, Norfolk, VA. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsNBdPFMuQY

George Massey Crossing Tunnel Concept, Vancouver, Canada https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8At88ti-yFA

Immersion Tunnel Coatzacoalcos by Volker Construction International, Mexico https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFWkoZMja0k

DERSA - Santos Guarujá Immersed Tunnel Project, Brazil https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du8KZob7Pkw

Busan-Geoje Fixed Link in South Korea https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aykpUulHJo Immersed Tube Tunnel better than a New High Bridge

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