

Please do not endorse the current Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (IBRP) as it needs additional Lanes.

I own and manage a commercial landscape management business that operates in the Portland/Vancouver area. We serve Vancouver and Clark County from our branch locations in Oregon and cross the I-5 and I-205 bridges. I am well aware of and support replacing the bridge due to the fact that the current bridge poses safety risks as it would most likely collapse from a sizeable earthquake. I also support adding light rail to provide multimodal options between Portland and Vancouver. After the release of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in May, adding no additional vehicle lanes, I want to express my and many business I am associated with fears that the new bridge does not add enough capacity to help ease congestion. With a price tag of over 4 billion dollars, it is important that we also have a bridge with added capacity (more lanes) to help ease current and future congestion. Although having a multi-modal approach gives residents commuting options, this will do little to ease congestion. To build a bridge comparable to our current structure, adding no new lanes and investing heavily in a light rail system is a flawed plan.

PLEASE SUPPORT AND PROMOTE A DESIGN ADDING VEHICLE CAPACITY TO THE BRIDGE DESIGN.

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