

I am the Hayden Island Neighborhood [HINooN] representative. We do not see how any of the complex interchange proposals will help congestion or freight movement.

The Interstate Bridge Replacement Project purpose and needs statement address's these six objectives:

1. Travel demand and congestion.
2. Impaired Freight movement.
3. Limited public transportation
4. Safety
5. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
6. Seismic vulnerability

You also talk about equity and climate change objectives.

The previous CRC proposal included 12 lanes which is double the current situation. If you are planning to address the six objectives listed and still build a new bridge at the current location, we worry you will find yourself once again at a standoff between purpose & need and equity & climate change.

In 2013 it was found that adding these additional lanes would increase the environmental impact to endangered fish habitat in the Columbia River and increased air pollution to vulnerable minority communities in North Portland.

There was also concern for noise pollution, and the increased traffic's effect on the vulnerable North Portland population. The operation was shut down in 2013 over many of these concerns.

Now you are again talking about equity for vulnerable populations and climate change objectives. If you are in fact, moving forward where you left off in 2013 when the project was shut down, what are the plans to address air pollution, noise pollution, increased traffic and congestion affecting North Portland's vulnerable populations? The question is, **“How will environment impact and climate change objectives be addressed if the bridge is simply rebuilt in the current location?”**

On Monday my husband and I found ourself in Vancouver, Washington about 3 miles from our home on Hayden Island. We were unable to get home because the I-5 bridge was closed in both directions at around 10:30 am. We stopped by a friend's home to wait it out. Finally, around 4:00 pm we headed home via I-205. With only two ways across the Columbia River to Portland and one of them closed, we found all the roads to be a real mess.

There are currently 11 bridges that cross the Willamette River in Portland and only two bridges to take Interstate traffic across the Columbia River.

In the matter of the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement Program [IBR], the members of Hayden Island Neighborhood Network [aka HINooN), a recognized neighborhood association in the City of Portland located in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, unanimously support a No-Build Option to be implemented and remain in force until a third Alternative I-5 crossing on the Columbia River, by either bridge or tunnel, is designed, completed and operational.

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