WSDOT warns it's "not cost effective" to build a bridge on deep liquefaction. However, 75ft. of liquefaction per CRC's Final EIS.

Immersed Tunnel less costly, more earthquake resistance.

Examples: SF's BART & Japan's 20 Immersed Tunnels.

IBR Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVo8uUMeMLg&t=4s



The Columbia River Crossings' first 10-foot dia. 250foot test pile on Hayden Island failed, part of a \$4 million contact.

https://www.malcolmdrilling.com/wp-content/uploads/2013-Foundation-Drilling_CRC.pdf

IBR's bridge design requires 72 individual 10-foot dia. 200 to 250-foot piles in the river, how many will fail?

 First test pile hit

 boulders and failed

 Right

 Defoot diameter

 200 to 250 feet

Buoyancy makes an immersed tunnel almost immune to earthquake liquefaction.

Costly to earthquake proof a bridge supporting 5,000-ton trusses 400' from solid ground.

Buoyancy is free.



WSDOT's "Bridge Design Manual" states designing a bridge for deep liquefaction is not cost effective.

An immersed tunnel's neutral buoyancy makes it almost immune to liquefaction and makes it cost effective in soft soils.



Project Overview

EARTHQUAKE RISK: The Interstate Bridge pilings sit in sandy river soils which could behave like liquid during an earthquake, causing the bridge to fail.

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