

**August 31, 2015**

**To:**

Board of Clark County Councilors  
Board of Skamania County Commissioners  
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  
WSDOT  
Mayor of Vancouver, WA  
Mayor of Camas, WA  
Mayor of Washougal, WA

**Subject: Third toll-free bridge over the Columbia River**

The Oregon Mayors below whose cities border the Columbia River, want to individually support our two-State vision for a third toll-free bridge across the Columbia River, to be located somewhere between the I-205 bridge and Troutdale. We want to join our partners on the Washington side of the river to get our State, County, and City jurisdictions to share this vision for all of our collective benefit into the future.

We already see the traffic congestion going across the I-5 and I-205 bridges. The visionary concept of a third bridge should be in addition to the improvement needs of the I-5 bridge and a separate focus for the overall transportation planning needs of the entire Region into the future.

We must work together to get the third bridge added to the Regional Transportation plans in both States, and the local Transportation plans. We have nothing to lose but everything to gain by instigating a joint study of the traffic patterns and traffic flows to determine the need for the bridge, and where the best location of the bridge should be on both sides of the river.

We want to join you in this positive vision for economic stimulus, jobs, and industrial land development reasons, in contrast to doing nothing and living with stagnation and traffic jams into the future. We hope that all our partners will recognize that a solution for one State is a solution for both. This is possible. Let's keep the discussion moving forward.



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