

PRO STATEMENT FOR ADVISORY VOTE 1

Last November, Clark County citizens voted “yes” to explore a toll-free East County Bridge across the Columbia River and “no” on the CRC Light Rail Tolling project. We now have a beautiful environmentally sound design that meets all voter approved specifications and a commitment to complete all permits and construction within five years upon approval. Our bi-state community can now choose to support or dismiss this opportunity starting with Clark County citizens.

The I-5 Bridge is certified as structurally sound. The CRC required a \$450 million down payment from each state. Tolls were required for additional billions in debt service and to meet local match requirements for federal light rail funds. The East County Bridge total cost is less than the CRC bi-state down payment alone and eliminates all costs that require tolls. A financial firm has committed to back the project with flexible terms if desired.

Congestion relief is provided by adding a third toll-free crossing, not by funneling more traffic into existing congested Portland chokepoints over a light rail toll-bridge-too-low that hinders river navigation and harms our marine freight corridor. We built our second toll-free Columbia River Bridge thirty-one years ago, the I-205. It’s time to build our third toll-free bridge to better connect our fast growing bi-state community with a smarter, less expensive, and faster solution.

Page ____ of this Voters’ Pamphlet shows the resolution that supports this vision. See www.EastCountyBridge.com for the design and information to cast an enthusiastic “yes” vote for our third toll-free bridge.

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