

Matt Garrett, ODOT Director  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
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RE: Columbia River Crossing – Clackamas County Resolution No. 2013-94

December 13, 2013

Dear Mr. Garrett,

On behalf of the Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) I am writing to support the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County Resolution regarding the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) and its effect on Interstate 205 (Resolution No. 2013-94). This Resolution was approved unanimously by our county commissioners on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) is a business advocacy organization with employers spanning nine sectors and representing over 15,000 employees throughout the county. We work to promote healthy economic growth throughout the county and entire metro area by advocating for public and private policy decisions that promote job creation and economic vitality. We support the expansion of existing businesses and welcome new companies to the area.

Interstate 205 is the backbone of Clackamas County's transportation system and a vital lifeline to Clackamas County businesses. It is important to consider I-5 and I-205 as a single system. Should tolling be implemented on the CRC, it will have a direct impact on I-205. The negative consequences on Clackamas County we foresee include but are not limited to:

- Compromising State and County investments already underway in the Sunrise Corridor System
- Further exacerbating problematic congestion between Abernethy Bridge to Stafford Road as well as the South 205 Corridor from Highway 213 to I-5
- The recent investment grade analysis casts doubt on previous estimates of trip diversion, and shows the tolling the CRC may cause gridlock on I-205 as soon as 2022

The CCBA supports Resolution 2013-94's request for an updated and thorough evaluation of the effect that tolling the CRC will have on all of I-205 in Oregon before any tolling is approved. Additionally, before approval of any financing plan that includes tolls, we urge State and Federal legislative delegations to require a system-wide approach to the CRC that includes a plan to mitigate the impact that CRC tolling will have on the Oregon portion of I-205.

The CCBA recognizes transportation as an important economic driver and I-205 is of critical importance to the future growth of our region. We ask that you strongly consider the ramifications tolling will have on our region's economy and growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry Turner  
CCBA President