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I have been a commuter from Battle Ground to Lake Oswego since 2006. I had hoped that ODOT would design and build a faster crossing of the Columbia River after all these years. ODOT and WashDOT wasted 20 years and have spent over 400 million dollars to sell the CRC design of a Marquam Style Bridge and now admitting the commute time will not decrease once built. The estimated cost for the current IBR design is 7 to 8 Billion Dollars. In British Columbia the HWY 99 Immersed Tube Tunnel under construction will cost less than half the cost of the IBR. Yet the Fraser River Immersed Tub Tunnel is comparable to the Columbia River at 3400 foot across. ODOT must reconsider the design to a less expensive design. HB2025 will just pour more money into a poor IBR design.

IBR refused to study the rail crossing where The Cascades train currently take passengers from Vancouver to Portland in 20 minutes. Twice as fast as an automobile commute.

ODOT needs to be audited for bad planning.