



Why not a tunnel?

Two tunnel design concepts have already been analyzed as river crossing options. Tunnel options do not best address the transportation issues identified in the I-5 bridge corridor, and would result in multiple challenges in the program area. Because of these challenges, tunnel options were removed from consideration.

Analysis of the tunnel options identified the following challenges:

- ▶ Significant out-of-direction travel for drivers, freight, emergency response vehicles, transit users, bicyclists and pedestrians
- ▶ The inability to tie into existing connections such as SR 14, Vancouver City Center and Hayden Island
- ▶ Potential safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians
- ▶ The potential for significant archaeological, cultural and environmental impacts
- ▶ Cost estimates for a tunnel are estimated to be approximately two times higher than cost estimates for a replacement bridge and approaches. This estimate does not include other highway, interchange or high-capacity transit improvements that would be necessary.

For more information about the tunnel options studied, scan the QR code to read the report or visit: interstatebridge.org/library



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