

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR IBR COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

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IBR Community Advisory Group –

On behalf of Identity Clark County's leadership, here is a letter of affirmation provided to IBR Program Administrator Greg Johnson as we complete the final months of planning ahead of a final supplemental EIS and a Record of Decision for replacing the interstate bridge and improving its influence area.

Our thanks extends to you for your active involvement in delivering this critical project as quickly as possible.

Please reply with any questions.

**Sean Philbrook**, *Vice President of Programs*  
Identity Clark County

April 9, 2025

Mr. Greg Johnson  
Program Administrator  
Interstate Bridge Replacement Program  
500 Broadway, Ste 200  
Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Administrator Johnson:

The business leaders group Identity Clark County wishes to express its appreciation to you and the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program team for your progress in advancing the planning effort to replace the outdated and unfit interstate bridge and improve its highly complex five-mile influence area. You have guided the IBR effort with a unique spirit of persistence and openness necessary to arrive at reasonable outcomes.

This program was restarted nine years ago thanks to four courageous legislators from southwest Washington, whose efforts gave way to a bi-state legislative committee, governors' commitments and formation of the IBR program. Through your leadership, this program has navigated a modified locally preferred alternative, funding commitments from federal, state and local sources, and a draft supplemental EIS.

Replacing an interstate bridge and seven interchanges in an already-built environment is highly challenging under the best of circumstances. This program is even more challenging because it involves two states, two DOTs, two cities, two planning agencies, two transit agencies, two ports, a national historic site and park, a mighty river, and a critical freight and commerce network that involves roads, rails, rivers, and runway airspace. It involves unusually complicated historic, environmental and seismic considerations. It also endured and adapted to a highly disruptive global pandemic.

Despite these challenges, you have brought the IBR program to the point where it is likely just months away from a final supplemental EIS submission and updated federal Record of Decision. We applaud your efforts to date and encourage your perseverance as more critical decisions are negotiated in these final months of pre-construction planning.

We remain fully supportive of this program and your leadership. Thank you for keeping us informed and involved along the way.

Sincerely,



**Mark Mantei**, Chair



**Ron Arp**, President

cc: ICC Board of Directors