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Eduardo Ramos, Chair
City of Vancouver Transportation and Mobility Commission

On July 5th please do not endorse the Interstate Bridge Replacement's "Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). It will be downtown Vancouver's concrete death shroud. The LPA will create an Embarcadero Freeway / Alaskan Way Viaduct through the heart of Vancouver. Like the infamous Cross Bronx Expressway, the LPA will divide the city with noise, pollution, and cause urban decay. The LPA will be the steepest (4%) and most dangerous of all interstate bridges. The LPA's 100-foot climb will be extremely difficult for cyclists and walkers.

The Columbia River at Vancouver is 27 feet deep with 200 feet of soft river bottom. An immersed tunnel is a better solution; safer, less grade, less cost, less environmental impact, and is faster to permit and build with local labor.

Respectfully
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