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Mark Boldt, Chair  
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Clark County Board of County Commissioners  
1300 Franklin Street  
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**Subject: Policy Statement to the Columbia River Crossing**

Dear Commissioners:

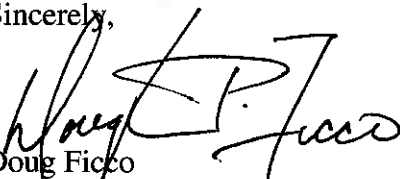
We acknowledge your policy statement, provided by letter dated July 12, 2006 that includes support for a new supplemental crossing west of the existing Interstate Bridge. As you are aware, the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project has proposed 12 alternative packages that will be evaluated in more detail. Four of the alternative packages include options similar to what you have favored in your letter.

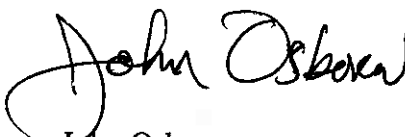
The purpose of this response is to express our concern that the policy statement may be premature given the lack of opportunity for the Commissioners to fairly weigh the performance measures and evaluation of all the alternatives. Our hope is that Clark County will fairly view all of the data prior to making a final policy decision on the alternatives that will be forwarded for further evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Over the next several months, the CRC team will be explaining design concepts and evaluation results, including costs and financing-tolling and travel demand results. Our current schedule provides for making draft recommendations to the CRC Task Force in December 2006. Your support in these recommendations will be important to the success of the project.

We appreciate your involvement and input in helping shape the future of transportation in this important corridor.

Sincerely,

  
Doug Ficco  
WSDOT Project Director

  
John Osborn  
ODOT Project Director

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