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Hi Matt Ransom (Clark) & Erin  
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## Project One: Current Interstate Bridge Update

The first project is to construct a Bridge next to the current I 5 Interstate Bridges. The purpose of this new third bridge would be to provide three North Bound Lanes with one commuter lane. The existing South Bound I 5 Bridge Lanes would have the same features. The existing north bound bridge would now be the middle bridge, could have both North & South Bound Truck only Lanes. The middle lane could be a single North and

South Bound Transit Lane. My modified Bridge idea was used on I-5 interchange @ Centrailia, WA with success.

In summary, Project One would provide North and South Bound lanes (two regular, one Commuter, two through Trucks & one Transit for a total of Nine Lanes with purposes. We now have six lanes today with NO specially designated lanes. The more efficient traffic flow changes would provide a Transit Lane and will separate Cars from Trucks while crossing the Columbia River.

## Project Two: By-Pass Bridge & Freeway connecting Clark & WA Counties

Simultaneously, the two counties would construct a new Bridge down the Columbia River from the updated Interstate Bridge and West of Cornelius Pass Road. The vision, planning and acquisition for the new Freeway Route would commence now.

The huge amount of resources to replace the Interstate Bridge would then be used for a completed long term new structure. The economic opportunities to Washington & Clark Counties will be huge by

accommodating new residents and businesses with new Freeway Systems connecting Clark & Washington Counties. Lastly, on both a North & South Lanes of Interstate & Jackson Bridges, Tolls could collected to help Prepay Capital Construction Costs.

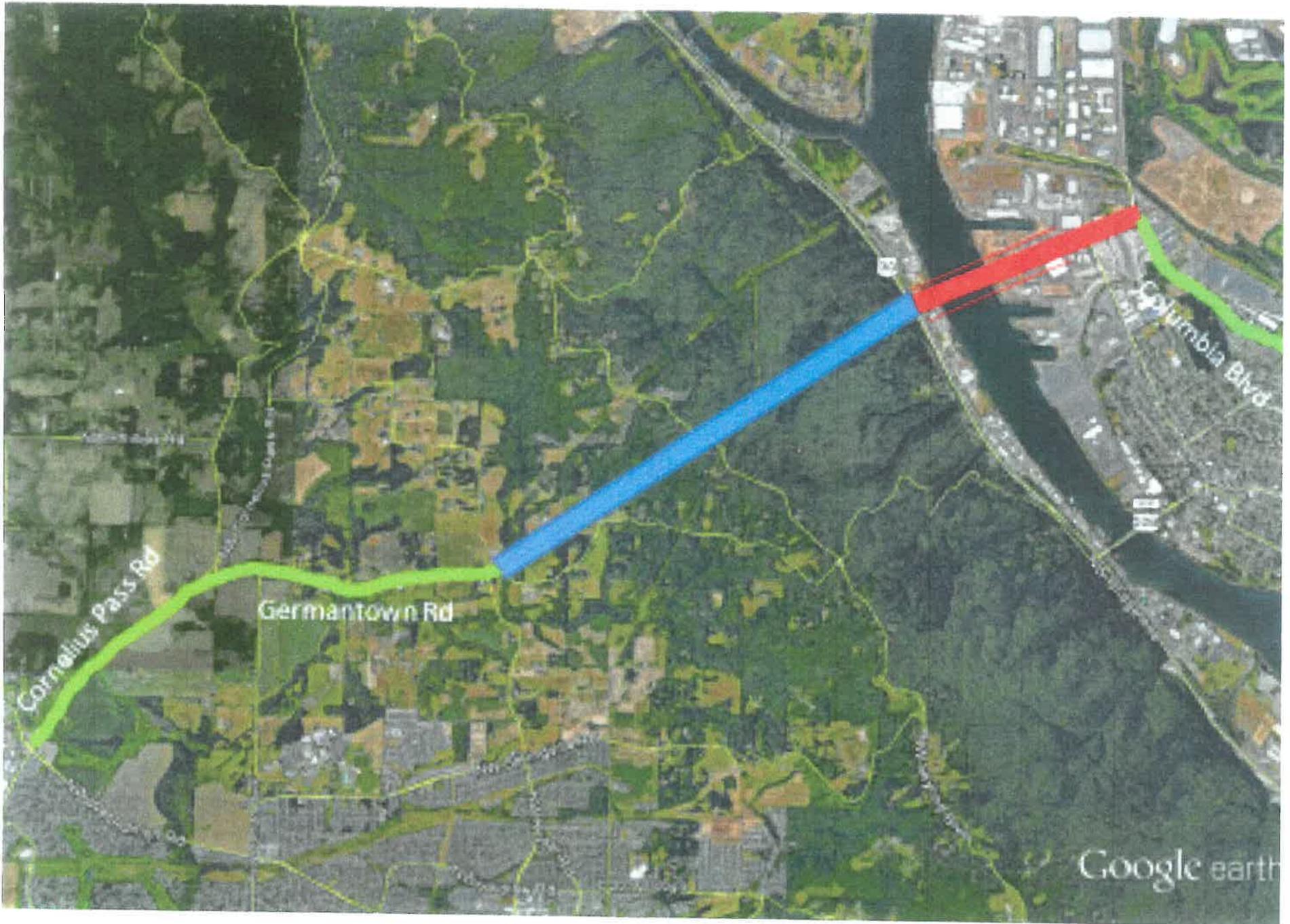
Finally, my suggestions you to would be to involve Clark<sup>WA</sup> County<sup>IB</sup> citizens and elected county officials in the decision making process.

Please review at your convince and I will follow up in with both of you this week.

RESPECTFULLY,  
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Northern Connector Concept