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## Light Rail Concepts in Vancouver/Clark County

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July 25, 2001, Vancouver Housing Authority

My comment about the design is:

I certainly believe that mass transit is important for a safe environment and healthy future.

However, Light Rail is far too costly for actual benefits to Clark Co. residents. Buses are far more flexible in travel routes than light rail. (They just keep cutting routes so travel time gets longer than people drive)

Most Clark Co. riders would be foolish to ride through North Portland given all the drug traffic and crime that is prevalent in that area.

To put money into a continuing study of light rail which is now archaic, is a waste of taxpayer's money.

Also the tax on small business would be a hardship with little benefit.

Based on statistics with which I'm familiar - Light Rail in Washington County has created ~~an~~ unsafe & heavy traffic congested roads and not solved the Hwy 26 - Sunset Corridor congestion.

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Carol Panfilis

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NO LIGHT RAIL! CLARK COUNTY DEFEATED THE IDEA SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY A WIDE MARGIN.

IT HAS YET TO BE PROVEN THAT IT IS COST EFFECTIVE. I SERIOUSLY DOUBT TRI-MET'S CLAIM ON SIGNIFICANT RIDERSHIP IN PORTLAND.

IF YOU WANT TO REDUCE TRAFFIC OFFER TAX INCENTIVES TO COMPANIES WHO PROVIDE FLEX-HOURS TO EMPLOYEES, OR TO THOSE COMPANIES THAT PROMOTE TELE-COMMUTING FROM HOME WITH COMPUTERS.

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My comment about the design is:

I have been commuting to Portland from Vancouver for my work for the last ten years. Three of those years were spent commuting by bus. Based on this experience, and on my observation of the current ridership of the MAX system in Portland, I do not feel that bringing the MAX to Vancouver is a wise choice and is certainly NOT a solution to our current transportation difficulties. Bringing the MAX to Clark County will not automatically cause people to ride it, as we have seen in Washington County. I don't want the taxpayers here to have to support something that is not truly going to serve our needs.

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