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Attachments:

Dear Planners:

We are residents of Camas, WA and we support Option #3: Replacement bridge with light rail transit. We believe that light rail transit provides the best public transportation foundation for Clark County. We want to see light rail expanded along Mill Plain Blvd and throughout the greater Vancouver/Camas/Clark County area. We would also like to see a long-term public transportation plan for Clark County that includes further development of light rail transit and associated planned business and economic growth along transit routes, similar to what has happened in Portland along MAX routes especially along North Interstate Avenue. We must plan ahead in order to address the growing needs of our region by investing in public transit infrastructure. Light rail offers the most efficient and effective use of resources for the greatest number of riders. The key to developing an effective light rail system is long-term planning.

We would also eventually like to see light rail extended along I-205, and connected along Mill Plain Blvd to the I-5 extension. This discussion of the Columbia River Crossing should be expanded to include ongoing public forums for discussion of growth and public transportation issues faced by Clark County. Planned development of light rail is a long-term investment in the economic viability of Clark County and SW Washington and essential to our economic development in this region. It is essential to build public understanding and support of light rail and public transportation, so that the public can fully understand the economic benefits of long-term planning and infrastructure

development for our long-term regional growth.

NOTE: I use C-TRAN buses, and Trimet MAX and buses on my daily commute to and from Portland. My husband walks to work in Camas.

Best,

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