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**To:** [Columbia River Crossing](#);  
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**Subject:** Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page  
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**Attachments:**

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Home Zip Code: 97202

Work Zip Code: 97201

Person:

Other - Live and work in the region.



Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

Other - What "other" is there?

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

None

2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:

Light Rail between Vancouver and Portland

3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:

Lincoln Terminus: No Opinion

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Opinion

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

Contact Information:

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Title:

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Comments:

First and foremost, you do not have the correct options on your multiple choice list

below. You have unfairly framed this as an "all or nothing" choice.

Second, there are significantly better ways that we can spend the greater than 4 billion dollars that the CRC will cost. Here is what I propose:

1. Seismic upgrades to the current I5 bridges over the Columbia.
2. Build a two or four lane local traffic only bridge between the Oregon mainland and Hayden Island, which carries cars, bikes, pedestrians, and light rail.
3. Remove the I5 exit ramps to Hayden Island for regular traffic use - keeping them accessible only to emergency vehicles.
4. Reconfigure the railroad bridge across the Columbia to better align the opening in the railroad bridge and the hump in the I5 bridge to drastically reduce the number of required bridge lifts.

And finally, in a time when drastic changes to our transportation patterns is going to be required (both economically and environmentally) a new higher capacity bridge is a mistake. We should spend the \$4 billion providing education system improvements and jobs and housing in Portland so that people don't feel they have to move to Vancouver. We should be making it harder to commute long distances, not easier. We should be planning for a future without fossil fuels, for a future where the outlying areas have farms growing food instead of lawns wasting water.

The Columbia River Crossing project is the wrong way to spend our money, and the wrong way to plan for the future. I do NOT support the CRC as it is currently planned or presented.