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To: <u>Columbia River Crossing</u>;

CC:

**Subject:** Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2008 10:42:24 AM

**Attachments:** 

Home Zip Code: 97229 Work Zip Code: 97229

Person:

Other - visit family and friends occasionally



Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Do Nothing

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

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## Comments:

We go boating often on the weekends and encounter the commuter traffic that piles up on the Fremont Bridge out through the Jantzen Beach area. My husband and I very much 02222 2 of 2

support the idea of putting off the building of a new bridge and having a toll to pay for the routing and ramping improvements. We're sorry for commuters having to pay more, but perhaps they could have a year or two of less cost if their employer certified their home and job locations. It would be good to collect tolls from tourists, since Oregon has been so generous as to not have a sales tax! Those who wish to wisk through the length of Oregon in one day would at least contribute something. We are cut no slack in the Eastern US, where toll roads and bridges abound..... Since commuter patterns seem to be changing slightly, due to higher gas costs and environmental concerns, a 12 lane bridge may not be necessary. We would support a smaller one if the study proved it necessary in the long run. Laying waste to large areas of river habitat and real estate during several years of construction backup is not favored by anybody we can think of.