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Attachments:

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Person:

Commutes through the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bus

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Replacement Bridge

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: Yes

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments:

The interstate bridge needs to be rebuilt with light rail, and it needs to be done right. The sooner the better. Portland needs to realize that its vitality is very much tied to

transportation of goods and services through the I-5 corridor. I doubt Portland wants to be known as the dead south end of the vibrant I-5 corridor. Don't believe for a minute that a temporary "wait" in hopes that high gas prices will halt traffic growth is going to solve any problems. Gas prices, like everything else, are cyclical. It would be absolute folly to forgo government money to help finance this project because of some idiots that want to "wait and see" if traffic will lessen further. Duh. Gas prices will go down again, the economy will re-enter another growth cycle, and what will be gained by waiting? Nothing other than losing government funding. That's all. Don't be foolish. Build the bridge, do it right, plan for growth. Because growth will happen whether you plan for it or not. If you wait on this, the cost will be much greater in a few years. What will happen if the bridge isn't built soon? The local economy will suffer, many more hours will be lost sitting in traffic jams, and it will cost much more when a new taskforce decides to build the bridge a few years in the future. Does Oregon want to invest in its future economic vitality or leave it to languish?