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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 97202

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Person:

Other - Travel

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: Yes

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments:

I use the project area for travel purposes only, going to visit family in the Puget Sound area.

I am opposed to the expansion of the existing freeway bridge to include a new span and additional lanes for the following reasons: Firstly, the reason the existing span is being over-used is because of commuters into Portland from Washington. My experience with people who do this is that they live across the river to avoid paying a perceived increased level of property taxes in Oregon and sales tax in Washington. Secondly, the amount of sprawl on the Washington side is extensive. This is a choice that people on the Washington side have made repeatedly.

I do not think we should have to pay for those who have discouraged land planning, have chosen to drive interstate a great distance, and are trying to avoid paying taxes. In addition, people on the Washington side have decided not to fund mass transit in the form of light rail.

Building this expensive project would be rewarding poor decisions. Allowing an increase in commuting time to cross the river would slow sprawl and increase interest in mass transit and living close to work.

Lastly, gas prices may change this entire debate.