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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 7:55:25 AM
Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 97068

Work Zip Code: 97232

Person:

Works in the project area

Other - affected by I-5 traffic on commute to and from work

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

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



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:

I believe that Metro, ODOT, and other agencies should be looking at the rivers themselves more closely as a transit option. From Oregon City all the way to Bonneville, we have an open, accessible water corridor that could ferry passengers by high speed jet

boat to and from public transit centers and stations. There could be Vancouver stops, stops in NE Portland, multiple stops downtown, stops in S. Portland, Milwaukie, Lake Oswego, Gladstone, West Linn, Oregon city, etc. Look at Bangkok, Thailand as an example - they are far beyond us in such a system. It is cheap, accessible, fast for commuters (I recently traveled by jetboat from downtown Portland to Cedaroak Park boat ramp in West Linn in about 15 minutes) and makes tremendous sense for a metro area that is built around a river system, such as ours is. This should be seriously considered as an alternative form of transportation. I believe that it would be far less costly than the other options (light rail, bridge etc), and could be implemented rapidly with infrastructure development focused mainly on transit center areas (parking etc). Nature made the linkages - why don't we use them? We need to be careful with how we spend limited dollars and we need to be creative about transportation planning. Please consider ALL possibilities for our future. Keep Portland on the cutting edge!