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1. In Support of the following bridge options:
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: No Opinion  
Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Unsure  
Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Unsure

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Comments:

I favor alternatives that include light rail. It is the 'green' alternative for transportation. It

gives people an alternative to having to use an auto to go anywhere. Since we only have to connect to the existing light rail line at Expo, that makes the most sense for people to ride straight from Vancouver to downtown Portland and beyond.

The actual bridge alternatives, I think, are more difficult to analyze. Based on CRCC figures, alternatives that keep one or both of the old bridges do not save enough money to be worth having to live with the continuing problems related to the drawbridge, and problems with earthquake resistance. Doing nothing will only lead to gridlock. Building light rail first would give people an alternative to gridlock.

The above being said I see little reason to build a huge bridge just to make it easier to reach Jantzen Beach and then squeeze back to 3 lanes each way at Delta Park, and then what about the 2 lanes each way for a stretch by the Rose Quarter.

Another issue as a downtown Vancouver resident, Jantzen Beach is basically the closest most convenient shopping center -- that is my neighborhood shopping center. I use home depot, office depot, Barnes & Noble and the car wash not to save sales tax but because it is more convenient than other locations. The toll for crossing the bridge will hurt me.

Sincerely  
Marvin Benson