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I am writing to comment on the draft EIS. I am in favor of a replacement bridge with high transit light rail. While I believe that the existing I-5 bridges need to be replaced for many valid, congestion reasons, for me the number one reason for replacement is public safety - both of lives and our economy. There is not agrument that the existing bridges do not meet seismic standards. If there were to be a seismic event that were to render the bridges useless, besides the potential for loss of life to anyone on the bridges at the time of an event, the economic damages to the Vancouver/Portland area would be staggering. Try to image all of the I-5 bridge traffic needing to be re-routed to the 1-205 bridge while the region is having to be repaired and rebuilt. The congestion would be horrendous. Regarding the inclusion of high transit light rail with a local Vancouver terminus, the cost of connecting to Portland's existing system will never be less given the availability of Federal transportation funding. Given the raising cost of fuel, the demand for mass transit options can only be expected to outpace our region's growth. Thank you for allowing me to provide these comments.

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