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To: <u>Columbia River Crossing</u>;

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**Subject:** Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

**Date:** Tuesday, June 24, 2008 4:21:03 PM

**Attachments:** 

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Person:

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle Car or Truck



- 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: Yes Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments: Dear CRC:

I don't have a strong opinion about whether the bridge should be replaced with a new

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auto bridge, but I do have a strong opinion that any replacement or improvement should include a bike route and light rail. In my opinion, extending a light rail line to Clark College doesn't go far enough--the light rail line should go at least up to 99th street in Vancouver.

If you choose the replacement bridge with light rail on a separate span on the west side, I am somewhat concerned about the current plan that requires bikers to take an elevator from the bridge down to the ground level at Hayden Island. I can imagine the elevators being a place for homeless people to hang out or where broken bottles accumulate.