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To: [Columbia River Crossing](#);
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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 98661

Work Zip Code: 97203

Person:

Commutes through the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Replacement Bridge

Supplemental Bridge



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

No Opinion

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: Unsure

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Comments:

Over the year that I have been commuting from home in Vancouver to St. John's in

Portland for work, I have noticed these two major drags on traffic flow in this area:

1) some drivers slow down considerably when driving through the I-5 bridge itself, frequently leaving ten-car gaps between vehicles, which causes unnecessary traffic jams behind them. I suspect that this is either because the bridge structure makes nervous drivers feel that the lanes are narrower, or that the lanes are narrower (they seem the same to me). In comparison, traffic flow over I-205 rarely has this ten-car gap behavior.

2) Driving southbound over the I-5 bridge, a MAJOR, MAJOR congestion is caused by the shrinkage of the number of lanes from three to two just past the exit for Interstate Ave. This is my primary point (and complaint). If the crucial bottleneck is NOT addressed in any of the proposed plans, then you are wasting our money. It makes no sense to add more lanes to cross the I-5 bridge if the increased number of lanes does not continue further south from the bridge, possibly as far as the exit for 405.

I cannot tell from the online documents whether this two-lane bottleneck is addressed. If not, PLEASE do so.

As for public transit... I would be happy to use public transport to go from home to work, but the current lines do not serve me at all (I travel from Mill Plain/Grand to St. John's Bridge area). The Portland public transit system is geared to bring people into and out of the city centres, but not ACROSS the city. Any chance of this being changed?

Thank you for reading this.