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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 98604

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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



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

3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:

Lincoln Terminus: No

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No

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Comments:

The old historical bridge has many architectural featurew which are not implemented anymore. Do not squander our tax dollars on an ugly, modern bridge. This is America, where he have squandered unheard-of amounts on transportation to no avail--I expect a

beautiful bridge with fanciful architectural European motifs, the most beautiful. It should be a bridge made to last until the end of America, as Rome's aqueducts did. I am also disappointed by the light-rail option. People in 1900 had more transit options! Why never a high-speed train over 150 mph between Portland and Vancouver?! The light rail is just a trolley for criminals, and I certainly never seen any Portland city officials use it (they snub it!), so it must not be safe for anyone! It is slow, inefficient, only in select locations, and is only a weak, shadowy representation of a real mass transit system! Nobody in the entire Western World wants to ride something already slower than cars-- have we not progressed past that? Japan and Europe, even China, have efficient transportation, yet America, the so-called greatest nation on earth, has freeways collapse on its occupants because "official" divert funds corruptly! What an embarrassing situation, that it has been agreed that \$1 billion dollars should be assigned this! I cannot believe every bridge has cost this much, and that we are paying for it, too! This is as bad as the Byzantine practices of Eastern Europe, from where my family comes, and even worse, because at least they had no qualms in hiding their corruption and squanderous, deficit habits, which should never be found in a Democratic Republic such as America! For shame! I demand top world-class transportation fitting to America's station and lavish budget, siphoned from taxpayers' pockets since a "temporary" tax which never ended! This is not an unreasonable request--it's one hundred years since the fastest trains went 50mph, now it's time for 400mph! Japan has it, Germany has it, China, our "enemy", has it, even FRANCE HAS IT! One cannot abuse a system as long as transportation and planning bureaucrats have without some vindication, and I demand a decent, thorough, well-planned, non-sprawling, convenient, ATTRACTIVE Vancouver, sans the ugly, cheap, housing developments that marr the countryside that is so unusually beautiful here, with high density everything in the old, historical centers of town. I expect the best transportation available in every city, and with the inflated, grossly over-funded budget every department in America seems to have, but remains mysteriously ineffectual, you can certainly accomplish more than this, even if it means no more luxuries (outrageously long vacations, high, inflation-adjusted pay, clean environs, &c.) of the kind you seem to take for granted as aristocrats...I mean bureaucrats...I mean, ahem, "representatives" of law-abiding, taxpaying, uncomplaining, subjugated citizens, right?