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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 97217

Work Zip Code:

Person:

Lives in the project area

Commutes through the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bus

Car or Truck

Other - light rail at Vanport

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Replacement Bridge

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: No Opinion

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Opinion

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

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Comments:

I live on Hayden Island and make small jaunts into Vancouver for medical purposes. Under the circumstances, the tolling would present a hardship and I might well have to change how I do my business.

I work in downtown Portland and use the light rail at least a few times weekly. At this point in time it is inconvenient. I take the 6 bus from Jantzen Beach and switch to the light rail in order to enter downtown. In the evening I take the rail from downtown Portland, where I work and switch to the 6 bus at the Lombard transit center, which takes me to the Jantzen Beach Safeway stop. It is time consuming.

Being able to pick up the MAX at the Super Center would be extremely helpful. Which brings me to my preference.

Routing a light rail stop into Jantzen Beach as part of the 'replacement and light rail' alternative represents the most efficient solution.

As an islander, I shudder at the construction involved. However, the interstate bridge is outdated and needs to be replaced. As long as that should happen, we must think in terms of a 'state of the art' solution.

Traffic is going to continue to be a problem. Since the populations of both Portland and Vancouver are expected to grow, we should prepare--not by trying to socially engineer folks into mass transit, which may or may not occur, but by taking all into account. There will be many of us who will rely on the light rail, which is a clean and efficient means of travel. There will also be many who will continue to drive, whether out of necessity or desire, despite an energy crisis that may or may not ensue.

For what it is worth, I would like to see the grandest possible state of the art bridge with a light rail either adjacent or attached to I-5, with a stop on the east side of the Jantzen Beach Super Center, perhaps in the vicinity of the current ODOT structure.

Thank you and good luck!