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Person:

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1. In Support of the following bridge options:  
Replacement Bridge
2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:  
Bus Rapid Transit 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'm very concerned about cuts in Vancouver police department. I believe that police funding is far more important than transportation. With respect to bus versus light rail, I

believe that bus is far superior due to (1) flexibility to change routes due to demographic evolution (2) lower up-front capital requirements (3) ease of implementing energy-saving technology (4) scalability around peak demand, and (5) improved efficiency insofar that unanticipated equipment breakdowns are localized and do not impair the entire system. Finally, bus service is far more flexible with respect to responding to errors in analysts' forecasts of future demographics and vehicular density: the recent run-up in gas prices is a good example of an unforeseen externality that may influence public transport ridership. In such a stochastic environment, the flexibility of buses trumps capital-intensive light rail.