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Home Zip Code: 98660

Work Zip Code: 98668

Person:

Lives in the project area

Commutes through the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle

Bus

Car or Truck

Walk



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: Yes

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Unsure

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Comments:

I am a resident of Telacoseet neighborhood. I wholeheartedly support a much wider NEW bridge with LIGHTRAIL.

Lightrail moves more people more quickly and timely

- is more efficient and less damaging to the environment. It is not hampered by traffic and is more likely to keep up with the population trends of clark county.

Lightrail can run more frequently and provide a schedule that is usable to all commuters.

An example would be that it would provide early morning and late evening commuters an option to driving to and from portland. This is not available thru the bus schedule today. Buses typically (especially on weekends) serve only the high peak times due to the cost/expense ratio.

Bus traffic is subject to traffic stalls and is unreliable with delays to commuters. It is not able to handle the volume of commuters (both todays and future) It is toxic to the environment. To increase the carrying capacity means increasing buses - more traffic and more exhaust emissions while trains are able to 'add cars'.

The use of the interstate ave model is a good example of how lightrail could be added thru vancouver's downtown community with minimal impact.

The need is NOW. This lightrail system would be used by multitudes if it were available today.

thanks