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Columbia River CROSSING Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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The Columbia River Crossing project welcomes your comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or any other aspect of the project or process. Please fill out this form and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Give this form to project staff or return to the project office.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

What is your home zip code? 98663 Work zip code? 98683

Do you: (check all that apply)

- Live in the project area?
- Work in the project area?
- Own a business in the project area?
- Commute through the project area?
- Other _____

How do you regularly travel in the project area: (check all that apply)

- Bicycle?
- Car or Truck?
- Other _____
- Bus?
- Walk?

Having recently purchased a home in the Arnada neighborhood, I am **very excited about this project**. My preferred option is to build a replacement bridge with light-rail stacked within the body of the bridge structure. Light-rail is the only realistic solution because it is more quiet, efficient and cheaper to operate than BRT and does not require a vehicle change to commute to Portland. Previous experience with light-rail has proven that it encourages significant high-quality high-density growth and BRT may not have these same positive benefits. Stacked light-rail within the bridge structure is preferred only if it reduces the costs vs. a third bridge. I do not have a preference about the light-rail alignment through downtown below Mill Plain. My preferred alignment north of downtown is to have a rail stop at Mill Plain / 15th St. and have the guide-way travel east along 16th St, over or under I-5 and have a terminus at Clark College. I prefer the 16th Ave route vs. the McLoughlin route because it does not make sense to reconfigure McLoughlin since it is already highly functional and built up. 16th St. has a lot of vacant land that is ideal for high-density development. At the Mill Plain station location I there should be an underground parking garage with a large public park above with a water feature like Jamison Park in the Pearl district in Portland to encourage more families into the area. I also like the idea of adding light-rail from the Mill Plain station north to the Lincoln neighborhood so long as strict design principals are adopted so that the light rail guide way does not in any way create a East-West dividing line and actually encourages more pedestrian crossing. The light rail guide way should be completely surrounded by solid surfaces (no gravel in-fill) to make it look as attractive as possible and less like a railroad. Also, strict attention must be given to environmental aspects such as lots of lighting to discourage crime. My preferred alignment North of Mill Plain is one way on Broadway and one way on Washington Streets.

In summary, I **strongly feel that this project should extent light-rail to downtown Vancouver**, even if we can only get it as far as Clark College. And the **replacement bridge** option is the only viable option to meet the region's future growth potential.

1. WHICH BRIDGE OPTION DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)

- Replace the existing bridges
 - Supplement the existing bridges with a new structure
 - Do nothing—make no changes to the existing bridges
 - No opinion
- * WITH LIGHT RAIL * NOT BRT!
* 16th St to Clark College alignment
* AND Mill Plain to Lincoln with alignment on Broadway + Washington Sts.

2. WHAT HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT MODE DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)

- Bus rapid transit between Vancouver and Portland *NO!*
- Add Light rail between Vancouver and Portland
- Do not add high capacity transit between Vancouver and Portland
- No opinion

3. WOULD YOU SUPPORT BRINGING BUS RAPID TRANSIT OR LIGHT RAIL TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS? (please check any that you would support)

	Yes	No	Unsure	No Opinion
Lincoln Terminus (39th and Main)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kiggins Bowl Terminus (I-5 and 45th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clark College MOS Terminus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mill Plain MOS Terminus (15th and Main)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DO YOU WANT TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT? | Optional

YES NO Would you like to be added to the Project mailing list?

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