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Home Zip Code: 98664

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Person:

Other - Travel to shopping and events



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:
Bus Rapid Transit between Vancouver and Portland
3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:
Lincoln Terminus: Unsure
Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Unsure
Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Unsure
Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Unsure

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Comments:

Until recently I was a proponent of light rail between Portland and Vancouver, especially if it would connect Portland's east side with Vancouver's east side, which apparently the

prevailing tide does not favor, even though more Vancouverites live on the east side than on the west. However, what I'm noticing is that hardly a week goes by any more but what the news is filled with accounts of robberies, muggings, and brutal assaults carried out upon Portland's Light Rail users. These are occurring at the extremities of the Max lines -- Gresham, Hillsboro, and Interstate, with increasing frequency. And adding more police and security patrols does not seem to stem the tide of attacks on light rail passengers. An environmental impact assessment needs to address the impact of light rail crimes being brought into Vancouver, and what the socio-economic affect is going to be upon our citizens. Max Light Rail has shown that it functions as an efficient conduit for moving an unwanted criminal element to the suburbs. Clearly, light rail will bring this criminal element to our doorstep. Do we really want/need light rail enough that we are willing to put up with these crimes, and have to divert police resources to deal with it? Will the cost of added police/security measures be passed along to Light Rail riders, or to the community as a whole.