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Home Zip Code: 97202

Work Zip Code: none

Person:

Other - use bridge a couple times/month

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Replacement Bridge

Supplemental Bridge



2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:

Bus Rapid Transit between Vancouver and Portland

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 in SE Portland, but I deal nearly every day with the congestion caused by the fatal decision made so long ago on the route of I-5. I spend my time working around the freeway mess which backs up at times as far as Wilsonville and affects trips I make to Salem!!! So the emphasis on having hearings focused on the immediate area @ the bridge is understandable, but a horribly short sighted view of the impact of this project.

#1 The I-5 Bridge project should IMMEDIATELY focus on congestion based tolling for managing traffic flow and to generate funds. The established neighborhoods of northern Oregon are bearing the brunt of commuters living in Wa...we get the traffic snarls, the pollution, the noise, the inability to just move from point A to B sanely.

#2 No study in existence supports more than a temporary relief in congestion by simply building more lanes. SO DON'T DO IT. Get MAX over the river ASAP...if the "Couves" don't want to use it then let them pay the bill with tolls for the problems they create.

#3 Improve the rail bridge so it can handle more rail shipments so work can progress on demolishing dams on the lower Snake to save the last wild runs of Salmon in this drainage. Increased rail transport of wheat and other products will be a necessity...so BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE NOW.

#4 Use a percentage of tolls to fund pollution monitoring and mitigation in the most impacted neighborhoods...this is a HUGE HEALTH ISSUE for those living within a quarter mile of the freeway as PSU studies have demonstrated.