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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 97217

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Person:

Other - Live in North Portland near I-5

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Car or Truck

1. In Support of the following bridge options:
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: Yes

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Comments:

It is not in Portland's best interests to allow additional cars into the city. Portland residents have worked hard and spent a great deal of tax money to move away from a car-centered infrastructure, believing that it was in the best interest of the community and

environment. Vancouver commuters have not and I think it is counter-productive to the alternate transportation and environmental aims of Portland to encourage such an increase in car traffic. Thus, lightrail and bike lanes in the new project are indispensable, and should be emphasized. Vancouver should plan a parking structure or lot for lightrail commuters, or upgrade their own public transportation system to make the lightrail a viable option for their commuters. Furthermore, I believe that it should be a 'user-pays' system and drivers should pay a toll to cross. Oregon should not have to foot the bill so that Washington citizens can take advantage of taxfree situations by living in WA and shopping in OR. I don't believe it will discourage interstate commerce because the money that Vancouver citizens save in taxes by living in WA and shopping in OR will not be approached by paying mere tolls. On the other hand, Oregonians who pay high income taxes and endeavor to work near their homes, taking lesser paying jobs to do so, and commute by bike or train, can rest assured that their tax dollars are working locally for things like schools--which to my mind are FAR more deserving of this kind of money than car-commuters.