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Person:

Other - All of Portland will suffer from this project, as proposed.

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Other - In the five years that I have lived in Portland, I have never needed to travel to Vancouver.

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

None

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:

All of the proposed options will undermine (if not counteract) our region and our population's commitment to sustainability and quality of life. Citizens, policymakers, organizations, and businesses in the Portland area have worked hard to redefine what it means to be a metropolitan region and, as a result, ours is one that is thriving, internationally-recognized for land use planning and sustainability, and healthier than most American cities. The proposed alternatives do not meet the de facto standards of our region. While we build award-winning public transportation and bike networks, and drive less, save more, the alternatives work only to drive more, spend more, sprawl more, and subsidize the pollution and congestion that will accompany it. Instead, we need a new Columbia River crossing that is environmentally, socially, and financially responsible. Instead of forcing the Portland area to suffer the many costs, the users of this bridge must be the ones paying for it, through congestion pricing and at-cost tolls for automobiles (with exemptions for transit, emergency, and local-destination freight). The design and construction of this bridge must be such as to discourage congestion, sprawl, suburban development, and climate change; to discourage driving alone into Portland every day, devoting even greater parts of our lives and our urban landscape to supporting automobiles. We don't need more cars, more parking lots, and more unhappy, stressed drivers.