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To: <u>Columbia River Crossing</u>;

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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 8:52:01 AM

Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 98642

Work Zip Code: all of Oregon

Person:

Commutes through the project area

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

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:

I do not believe it would be a good idea to have toll booths with the current bridge; it

would only add to traffic congestion, with cars lining up at the toll booths. I have no problem with paying tolls once we have a bigger bridge with more lanes.

Since it will be a while before any new bridge is built, it is time for Oregon to get rid of the HOV lane. This would help ease the traffic congestion northbound during the afternoon rush hour. Given the cost of gas, people who are now car pooling are not going to quit car pooling.

We also need to get I-5 southbound through Delta Park widened ASAP. We need to do whatever we can to speed up that project. I believe that will greatly relieve the congestion southbound during the morning rush hour.