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To: Columbia River Crossing;

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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 8:00:20 PM

Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 98642
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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

3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:
Lincoln Terminus: No
Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No
Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No
Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No

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Comments:
Funding.

I oppose tolls on this bridge, unless the following conditions are met:

• Access to Hayden Island from both the south and north is tolled

• Washington residents paying tolls receive a credit against their Oregon state income taxes. Oregon charges WA residents among the highest income taxes in the nation yet provides them no rights – and justifies this as the funds needed to pay for infrastructure which supports their working in Oregon. If this is the case, OR income taxes should cover the bridge costs. Also, WA state does not reciprocate and charge OR residents working in WA for the infrastructure needed to work in WA.

Public Transit

As the MAX Interstate line was built as a local community line versus a transit corridor line, it simply does not provide the needed speed and throughput to act as the public transit corridor from Clark County. I therefore support express buses from Clark County to downtown Portland. They only way I would support any consideration of light rail is if Trimet permanently closes most of the stops on the Interstate line and creates a dedicated corridor along Interstate Avenue.

Buses are much cheaper to implement and provide more flexibility.