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

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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

Date: Thursday, June 05, 2008 7:50:10 PM

Attachments:

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Person:

Lives in the project area Works in the project area

Commutes through the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle

Car or Truck

Walk

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: No

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments:

Thanks to CRC folks for all the work and open lines of communication. We are very interested in seeing solutions to the gridlock on Interstate 5. We think mass transit can play a role in that. However, we are adamantly opposed to any light rail line traveling up Main Street in the Uptown Village area. This small business area is currently pedestrian friendly and has an excellent ambience. We feel dominating the street with light rail will degrade what is an up-and-coming, pedestrian-friendly, visually pleasing place to buy goods and enjoy services. We would not take my small children walking through Uptown Village as I do now if it became a transit zone.

Further, putting a large park and ride at the Lincoln site is not best for the Lincoln neighborhood or commuters. Park & Rides should be places as close to I-5 as possible, away from residences when at all possible. The Clark College Terminus and even a lot at Kiggins, which is already a traffic area, make much more sense.