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- P-0109-001**
1. In Support of the following bridge options:  
 Supplemental Bridge
  2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:  
 None
  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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- P-0109-002**
- Comments:  
 The public needs useable traffic alternatives. There is not sufficient use to warrant dedicated lanes for mass transit or light rail. Both of these alternatives have been

### **P-0109-001**

Preferences for specific alternatives or options, as expressed in comments received before and after the issuance of the DEIS, were shared with local sponsor agencies to inform decision making. Following the close of the 60-day DEIS public comment period in July 2008, the CRC project's six local sponsor agencies selected a replacement I-5 bridge with light rail to Clark College as the project's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). These sponsor agencies, which include the Portland City Council, Vancouver City Council, TriMet Board, C-TRAN Board, Metro Council, RTC Board, considered the DEIS analysis, public comment, and a recommendation from the CRC Task Force when voting on the LPA.

With the LPA, new bridges will replace the existing Interstate Bridges to carry I-5 traffic, light rail, pedestrians and bicyclists across the Columbia River. Light rail will extend from the Expo Center MAX Station in Portland to a station and park and ride at Clark College in Vancouver. Pedestrians and bicyclists would travel along a wider and safer path than exists today.

For a more detailed description of highway, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the LPA, see Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

### **P-0109-002**

As described in Chapter 1 of the DEIS, the project's Purpose and Need reflects "previous planning studies, solicitation of public input, and coordination with stakeholder groups." This outreach, and prior planning studies, identified improving transit service along the I-5 corridor as an important element of this project. This need is included in the project's Purpose and Need. As such, any alternative (except No-Build) evaluated in the DEIS must address this need to improve transit service.

**P-0109-002** | previously rejected by the voters.

**P-0109-003** | The HOV lane on I-5 in North Portland was supposed to be a test. Somebody should look at what the HOV lane causes about 3:30 every afternoon when the extra lane is needed.

### **P-0109-003**

The CRC project does not include HOV lanes inside its five-mile project area. The CRC project team looked at HOV lanes and freight lanes, which are typically located on the inside freeway lane next to the barrier, as part of its technical analysis. Because about 70 percent of the vehicles enter and/or exit I-5 within the five-mile study area, access to and from a HOV lane or freight lane could create traffic operational problems by increasing lane changes (for example, HOVs entering the freeway and needing to merge all the way to the inside lane). The results of this analysis is described in more detail in section 3.1 of the DEIS. Regarding the existing HOV lanes located outside the project area, the CRC project does not propose any changes. These HOV lanes might effectively link to HOV lanes in the CRC area in the future, if employed as part of a larger regional plan. Should the region adopt and develop a larger HOV system, lanes within the bridge influence area could potentially be striped as part of that network.