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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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Person commutes in the travel area via:

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- P-0180-001**
1. In Support of the following bridge options:
 2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:
 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:
 Dear CRC:

- P-0180-002** | I don't have a strong opinion about whether the bridge should be replaced with a new

P-0180-001

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-0180-002

Thank you for your comment. 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.

- P-0180-002** auto bridge, but I do have a strong opinion that any replacement or improvement should include a bike route and light rail. In my opinion, extending a light rail line to Clark
- P-0180-003** College doesn't go far enough--the light rail line should go at least up to 99th street in Vancouver.
- P-0180-004** If you choose the replacement bridge with light rail on a separate span on the west side, I am somewhat concerned about the current plan that requires bikers to take an elevator from the bridge down to the ground level at Hayden Island. I can imagine the elevators being a place for homeless people to hang out or where broken bottles accumulate.

P-0180-003

The CRC Project is focused on providing a high-capacity transit option through downtown Vancouver to Clark College. RTC has completed a High-Capacity Transit System Study which recommends specific high-capacity transit improvements, including light rail, bus rapid transit and bus service improvements that will best serve Clark County residents in the mid-term (by 2030) and long-term (beyond 2030). To view their Final HCT System Study, visit RTC's website at www.rtc.wa.gov. Though these recommendations are designed to connect with CRC transit improvements, they are not part of the CRC project.

P-0180-004

The CRC project is using design strategies that have been proven to reduce the potential for crime at stations and on trains. In addition, CRC has received input from advisory groups, jurisdictions, and the public to design a system that will enhance safety and security.

Recommendations include, but are not limited to, locating stations near residential and commercial buildings; controlling pedestrian access to stations through the strategic placement of entrances and exits, fencing, lighting, and landscaping; lighting stations so that all activity is easily visible; and designing a clear line of sight into and out of the station. A Safety and Security Management Plan (SSMP) was created, in part, to address public concerns about safety, and is a requirement for funding from the Federal Transit Administration. Safety will be designed into every phase of the project.

The CRC project is also working with the City of Vancouver and Portland police and C-TRAN and TriMet security to promote passenger safety at stations and park and ride facilities, as well as on light rail trains. Measures to increase public safety on and near light rail could include enforcing fare payment; installing closed-circuit TV at light rail stations, park and rides, and on trains; and patrolling stations and trains by transit

security and local police officers. For more information about how safety and security associated with light rail is being addressed by the CRC project, see Chapter 3 (Section 3.1) of the FEIS.