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- P-0185-001**
1. In Support of the following bridge options:  
Replacement Bridge
  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: No Opinion  
 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Opinion  
 Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion  
 Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

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Comments:  
 Hi,

- P-0185-002** My main reason for commenting is the design of the bridge. If a new bridge is approved, I feel all efforts should be made to make it an architecturally and aesthetically beautiful

### **P-0185-001**

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-0185-002**

The CRC project design for interchanges, roadway elements, transit stations, and other facilities will be context-sensitive and reflect the unique character of the surrounding area. CRC formed a 14-member, bi-state Urban Design Advisory Group (UDAG), made up of design professionals and neighborhood representatives. All UDAG meetings are open to the public to attend and observe. Goals of the UDAG include achieving "design excellence that can be embraced by affected communities and users" and providing "a landmark bridge that is both

**P-0185-002** bridge. I live in St. John's and everyone that passes over the St. John's bridge appreciates the beauty of its design.

As the main link between two great states, I feel the bridge should be a thing of beauty that enhances the beauty of the natural environment. Bridges like I-205 are the exact opposite of what should be sought in a design. It is a mere concrete monstrosity with no visual interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Quartarolo

inspired and inspiring and fully integrates the design and function of the structure with the urban design elements." Working closely with project designers, UDAG will provide input and guidance on integrating the new facilities with the surrounding community. This work includes identifying significant iconography (for example, symbols and patterns) that will reflect the history of the area, the Native American communities, early pioneers, or other significant themes. These images will be incorporated into an art master plan. Additional discussion of bridge designs can be found in Chapter 2 of the FEIS and in the Visual and Aesthetics Technical Report supporting the FEIS.