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Person commutes in the travel area via: Bicycle Bus Car or Truck Walk

P-0408-001 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 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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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.

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Comments:

P-0408-002 We have recently retired and purchased a small condo in Uptown Village. After looking for several years, we chose that area because of its many amenities and upbeat public spirit. The fact there is a covered bus stop very close to our front door is also great! We've lived forty years in a rural area and now we looking forward to enjoying the benefits of a modern, urban lifestyle.

> Although we are retired, we are looking forward to paying whatever additional taxes it will take to bring light rail into Vancouver. Gasoline is only going to cost more & more and as we grow older, we really would like to not have to deal with the traffic congestion. The bus is fine for short trips around town, but when you have to make an appointment somewhere across the river no matter how bad the traffic is ... MAX is the best way to go!

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Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments on the I-5 CRC DEIS.