02232

From:	Urban22el@yahoo.com
То:	Columbia River Crossing;
CC:	
Subject:	Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
Date:	Tuesday, May 27, 2008 8:39:23 AM
Attachments:	

Home Zip Code: 97201 Work Zip Code:

Person:

Lives in the project area Works in the project area Owns a business in the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via: Car or Truck

P-0492-001 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

Contact Information: First Name: John Last Name: Schantz Title: Urban Electric Owner E-Mail: Urban22el@yahoo.com Address: 125 SW Hooker St Portland, Or 97201

Comments:

P-0492-002 One huge toll tunnel, keep the bridge, charge \$5.00 to use it, or sell a month pass, it

1 of 2 P-0492-001

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-0492-002

Many different options for addressing the project's Purpose and Need were evaluated in a screening process prior to the development and evaluation of the alternatives in the DEIS. Options eliminated through the screening process included a new corridor crossing over the Columbia River (in addition to I-5 and I-205), an arterial crossing between Hayden Island and downtown Vancouver, a tunnel under the Columbia River, and various modes of transit other than light rail and bus rapid transit. Section 2.5 of the DEIS explains why a third corridor, arterial crossing of

- **P-0492-002** would pay for it self in 15 years, do the math. Use local contractors. Put the Light Rail in the tunnel too.
- the Columbia River, and several transit modes evaluated in screening were dropped from further consideration because they did not meet the Purpose and Need. For a general description of the screening process see Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS. It should be noted that every proposal received from the public was considered, and many of the proposals that were dropped from further consideration included elements that helped shape the alternatives in the DEIS.

2 of 2