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

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N-002-001 The attached letter has been (or is being) sent to the 6 agencies indicated. We "personalized" the last paragraph, and, instead of sending you 6 different letters, I incorporated each of the six personalizations on the second page.

In total, forty-five letters are being sent to the officers, councilors, commissioners, etc of the agencies shown, with the Metro letters to be hand-delivered on Monday, June 2, in time for their June 6 meeting.

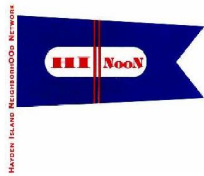
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Thank you,

Roger Staver, President
HINooN

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David Bragdon, President, Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave
Portland OR 97232

June 2, 2008

Dear President Bragdon:

N-002-002 Recent developments in the ongoing evaluation of the Columbia River Crossing project necessitate clarification of the position of HI NooN, the Hayden Island Neighborhood Network. This neighborhood association represents the bulk of residents and many small businesses on Hayden Island. HI NooN's Board and many of its members have participated in meetings, seminars, charrettes, open houses and hearings. We have become well informed on the issues that CRC might present, as well as the problems that it is intended to solve.

N-002-003 January of 2008, HI NooN's Board of Directors and HI NooN members voted full support of the REPLACEMENT BRIDGE WITH LIGHT RAIL. In May, through follow-up email polling, our Board again gave full support to this project. The success of our recently drafted Hayden Island Plan is dependent upon the replacement bridge project.

N-002-004 Our reasoning is sound. Existing impediments to East-West travel on The Island will be resolved. Current traffic problems on I-5 coupled with these impediments make public safety on Hayden Island marginal or substandard during many hours every day. There are no medical facilities on The Island. Even a minor disaster could cost many lives due solely to the inability to secure timely emergency response or transport. We add hours a week to our travel times to get to and from work, or even get around just outside our area.

N-002-005 This is *not* a new bridge or road project. It is a project that vastly improves over five miles (Columbia Blvd to SR 500) of an existing freeway. The CRC project creates efficient exiting and entry systems where hazards and bottlenecks exist now. Ramps are greatly extended allowing for better queuing of waiting traffic. The improvements offered by CRC are extensive and absolutely necessary.

N-002-006 CRC does not just benefit Hayden Island. It removes bottlenecks on a major *existing* transportation corridor and offers improvements that will be felt in commerce, transportation, shipping and pedestrian and bicycle traffic movement. And it is not a single solution to a single problem. It is multiple solutions that work together to solve a myriad of problems. If we don't solve all the problems, we don't achieve the goal.

N-002-007 HI NooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. **A statement, specific to the importance of the respective group being mailed will be placed in this "red letter" section**..... Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

Sincerely,

Roger Staver, President
HI NooN

c: CRC

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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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THESE ARE THE CLOSING PARAGRAPHS FOR THE SIX AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS LETTER: Where the red is.....

N-002-005 Metro: HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. This is one of those rare times when an opportunity is presented to accommodate long-term future requirements while fixing already insurmountable problems that become worse by the month. Metro's support is critical in allowing the plan to proceed. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

City of Portland: HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. These critical "repairs" to this essential North-South connection offer benefits to our City and the North Portland area as well as the States of Oregon and Washington that are sorely needed. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC): HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. Opportunities to advance a transportation corridor to accommodate long-term future requirements, while fixing problems that become worse by the month do not present themselves often. This is one of those rare times. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

C-Tran: HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. The public transportation elements are among the most important factors in making CRC a success. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

Tri Met: HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. The public transportation elements are among the most important factors in making CRC a success. Please join us in giving this worthy project your support.

City of Vancouver: HINooN supports the Replacement Bridge with Light Rail. Vancouver's endorsement of CRC is extremely important, and we hope the benefits of light rail can be recognized in your support of this worthy project. Please join in helping to move CRC forward.

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Please see response to comment N-002-003.

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Preferences noted.