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**O-013-001** Identity Clark County supports a new Columbia River Crossing on Interstate 5 for all of the obvious reasons cited over the past several months. More expressly, a new river crossing is needed to ensure the **economic health of our region**.

The **efficient and timely movement of freight, services, goods and people** has a direct influence on our ability to compete in a global economy via the five-mile influence area under consideration which is an essential link in the I-5 trade corridor.

**O-013-002** Additionally, Identity Clark County supports the **inclusion of light rail** in the project.

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### **O-013-001**

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.

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For a more detailed description of highway, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the LPA, see Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

### **O-013-002**

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