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County or the City of Vancouver. Our senator, Craig Pridemore, has been working on legislation that changes the verbiage in there that will change how something can be handled or voted on. And what is being done is we are being eliminated from this process, the citizens of Vancouver. You want to increase our taxes, our 10 fees, our everything else, but we don't 11 get a say in it. I think this is wrong. 12 I think the gentleman who came up and 13 said, "If you don't have a support of all 14 the people, you are going to have a lot of 15 problems." 16 Thank you. 17 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you. 18 MARCELA ALCANTAR: Good afternoon. 19 20 My name is Marcela Alcantar and my mailing 21 address is 4134 North Vancouver, Portland, 22 Oregon 97217. 23 I am an owner -- I am veteran owned, 24 woman owned, minority owned person. As 25 part of that, half my employees work in

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

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Vancouver -- I mean drive to my office from Vancouver and we are located in the hot zone, so we contribute tremendously to the community.

we have experienced a great opportunity in our lives as well as our families as part of the development of projects like this one. My desire would be that a bridge like this would be developed. I support something like this, including Tri-Met or a light rail.

My past as an immigrant in seeing projects like this that run behind, it brings down the economy and it brings down life, people and opportunities.

The only thing that I am not in favor of is the process that the current Force -- or not necessarily the Task Force, but the design portion of it that has included diversity in the project. Especially being a federally funded project, there should be diversity and local people to work in the current project and not wait for the construction piece of things.

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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.

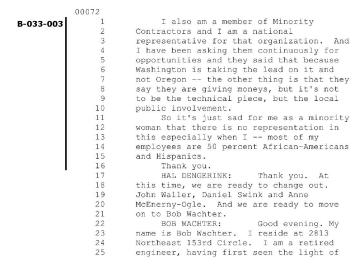
For a more detailed description of highway, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the LPA, see Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

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The Oregon and Washington transportation departments are both committed to contracting and hiring employees from qualified womenowned, minority-owned, disadvantaged or other protected companies. As a bi-state project, CRC followed this standard when contracting firms for work on the environmental impact statement. Both disadvantaged minority and women owned firms from Portland and other cities were hired for this work. As project development moves forward and construction begins, there will be additional opportunities for

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disadvantaged, minority-owned and women-owned firms to submit proposals for contracts.



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