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B-044-001 Just wanted you to know that I love the idea of the new bridge with light rail under it. I think having the B-044-002 and gail go up through town would be a big boost for the businesses. I've seen what amazing changes it's made to the neighborhoods in Portland and they have all improved because of it.

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## B-044-001

The Stacked/Transit Highway Bridge (STHB) option, which would allow transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians to travel beneath the highway bridge deck, was included as part of the LPA. The DEIS indicated that the two bridges required for this bridge option would put less bridge substructure in the Columbia River, likely resulting in less environmental impact. After publication of the DEIS, additional engineering studies were conducted that confirmed the feasibility of the STHB design.

The STHB is described in greater detail in Chapter 2 (Section 2.2) of the FEIS. Impacts associated with a STHB are discussed throughout Chapter 3 of the FEIS.

## B-044-002

Both current and future land use is one of the criteria used to determine the locations of proposed transit facilities. Other considerations include traffic impacts, property impacts, and overall transit operations. The five proposed stations will support current and planned residential and commercial development. As an example, the Clark College terminus station will serve a community and senior center, a community college, and the Veterans Administration campus.