# Columbia River CROSSING Comment Form

The Columbia River Crossing project welcomes your comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or any other aspect of the project or process. Please fill out this form and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Give this form to project staff or return to the project office.

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF Ø What is your home zip code? Work zip code? Do you: (check all that apply) How do you regularly travel in the project area: (clucck all that apply) Live in the project area? Commute through the project area? Work in the project area? Bicycle? 🛛 Bus? Other Own a business in the Walk? Car or Truck ? project area? Other Comments. P-0626-001 P-0626-002 P-0626-003 1. WHICH BRIDGE OPTION DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support) P-0626-004 Replace the existing bridges Supplement the existing bridges with a new structure Do nothing—make no changes to the existing bridges No opinion

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The purpose of the Draft EIS is to provide a comparison of the types of impacts that would occur with the alternatives being considered. Impacts can be described in text or via graphics; no single method is legally required. The Final EIS contains more detailed information regarding specific impacts and appropriate mitigation.

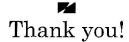
## P-0626-002

Following the selection of the LPA in July of 2008, the CRC enlisted the help of community members - residents, business owners, transitdependent populations and commuters - who had interest in light rail planning to form the Vancouver Working Group (VWG). The VWG met regularly to develop recommendations and provided feedback to the CRC project, the City of Vancouver and C-TRAN on transit alignments, proposed station locations and design, security and park and ride facilities in downtown Vancouver.

Following approximately 5 months of coordination, in addition to public open houses and walking tours, the VWG recommended the Washington-Broadway Couplet through downtown Vancouver to C-TRAN and City of Vancouver staff. Per the Vancouver Working Group Final Report (October 2009), this alignment was preferred largely because it spread the potential impacts and benefits across two streets, as opposed to concentrating them on a single street. In addition, the VWG explored McLoughlin, 16th Street and 17th Street as possible alternative east/west connections, the latter having not been analyzed in the DEIS. The VWG was nearly evenly split on the 17th Street or McLoughlin alignment as the east/west connection to the Clark College Park and Ride. The 16th Street alignment was dropped from considerations due to cost, speed and safety considerations. Upon learning about the VWG's split vote of the east-west alignment, members of City of Vancouver Council and C-TRAN's Board of Directors directed CRC staff to more thoroughly investigate both the McLoughlin and 17th

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2. WHAT HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT MODE DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)	
26-004 Bus rapid transit between Vancouver and Portland	
Light roll between Vancouver and Portland	
4-Do not add high capacity transit between VanCouver and Portland	
L No opinion	
3. WOULD YOU SUPPORT BRINGING BUS RAPID TRANSIT OR LIGHT RAIL TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS? (please check any that you would support)	
No	
Yes Nor Unsure Opinion	
Kiggins Bowl Terminus (I-S and 45th)	
Will Plain MOS Terminus (15th and Main)	
YES NO Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	
Name (First & Last Name, Organization)	
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Alignments. From November 2009 until February 2010 CRC project staff conducted extensive technical work and public outreach regarding the alignment options. Based on this additional research and public input, the City of Vancouver City Council voted unanimously to adopt the 17th alignment.

The Washington-Broadway Couplet and the 17th Street alignment were adopted as part of the LPA and are analyzed in the FEIS. For more information on the transit alignment decision-making process please see Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS.

#### P-0626-003

The Columbia River Crossing project includes the replacement of the existing I-5 bridge over the Columbia River, improvements at seven interchanges over 5 miles of I-5, and the extension of light rail from Portland to Vancouver. The projected cost to construct this large and complex project are presented in Chapter 4 of the FEIS, and are estimated in year of expenditure dollars to account for inflation. Multiple sources will help fund construction of the project – the federal government, State of Oregon, State of Washington, and tolling the I-5 Bridge.

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

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