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Would a commuter train from Vancouver to Portland running during rush hours be possible on the existing Amtrak line? Wasn't a commuter train implemented during the two-week partial closure of the I-5 Bridge in 2001 or 2000?

It seems lots of money could be saved by using commuter trains that would end up in Portland's Union Station with upcoming easy connections to light rail and bus service.

Just a suggestion to consider.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Many different options for addressing the project's Purpose and Need were evaluated in a screening process prior to the development and evaluation of the alternatives in the DEIS. Options eliminated through the screening process included a new corridor crossing over the Columbia River (in addition to I-5 and I-205), an arterial crossing between Hayden Island and downtown Vancouver, a tunnel under the Columbia River, and various modes of transit other than light rail and bus rapid transit. Section 2.5 of the DEIS explains why a third corridor, arterial crossing of the Columbia River, and several transit modes evaluated in screening were dropped from further consideration because they did not meet the Purpose and Need. For a general description of the screening process see Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS. It should be noted that every proposal received from the public was considered, and many of the proposals that were dropped from further consideration included elements that helped shape the alternatives in the DEIS.