

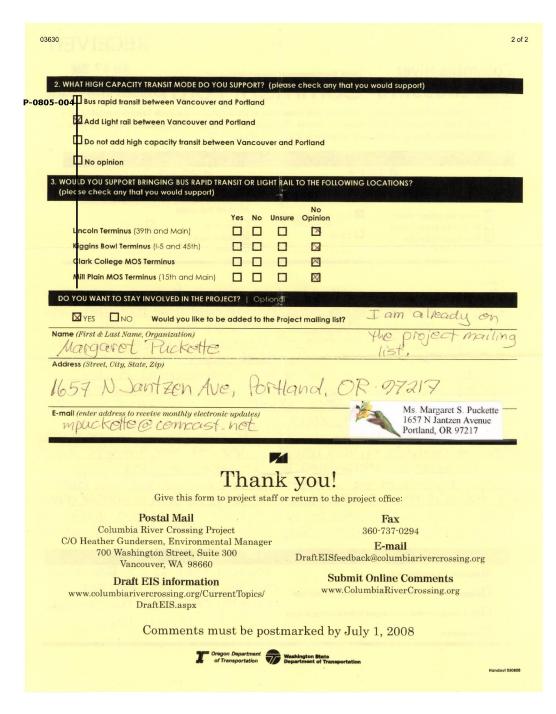
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Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the DEIS disclosed all known floating home displacements that would result from the two highway and two transit alternatives crossing the North Portland Harbor (pages 3-105 and 3-112, respectively). The DEIS also listed potential mitigation measures tailored to suit the unique situation of the floating home community (page 3-119).

For the FEIS analysis, the CRC project team has worked to better understand the organization of the floating home communities in the North Portland Harbor. As presented in Chapter 3 (Section 3.5) and Chapter 6: Public Involvement of the FEIS, the team coordinated with floating home owners, moorage owners, Boards and management, to gather address and ownership information for each floating home. The impacts to individual floating homes are described in Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the FEIS and listed in Appendix E.

In the course of conversations with potentially affected property owners, CRC staff received inquiries about the potential for constructing a new marina to accommodate displaced floating homes. To better understand issues related to new marina permitting and construction, project staff conducted research on the development of marinas. This research found likely challenges to developing a new floating home marina, including the challenge of receiving permits through local jurisdictions and environmental resource agencies. The project is not pursuing construction of a floating home marina.

As with any other acquisitions, the CRC will obtain independent appraisals to determine fair market value for each home that must be displaced but cannot be relocated. Qualified acquisition agents will work closely with each floating home owner to try to arrive at mutually agreeable terms for the purchase of each home. The agents will also provide relocation assistance to all displaced occupants.



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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 DEIS disclosed all known property acquisitions required to construct the project alternatives. These acquisitions were summarized in the DEIS in Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) and were listed in full in Appendix D of the DEIS. The information associated with each property, such as an address, was pulled directly from the Clark and Multnomah County tax assessors' databases, and therefore was only as up-to-date as that County's information.

Since the publication of the DEIS in May of 2008, and the selection of the LPA by project partners in July 2008, the CRC project team has been working to minimize the potential property impacts associated with the projects' improvements. Though the project team has been working to stay within the existing right-of-way, some property right acquisitions will be unavoidable. Property owners will receive just compensation for the estimated value of land and improvements acquired and for other impacts that result in a measurable loss of value to the remaining property. Following the publication of the FEIS, property owners will be notified of impacts to their property and acquisition negotiations will begin. The acquisition and relocation process will follow The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970 (as amended).

Potential property acquisitions that will be required to construct the LPA are described and summarized in Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the FEIS and listed by property in Appendix E. The process by which acquisitions will occur is described in the Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Plan and summarized in Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the FEIS.

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Thank you for your comment. 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.