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Columbia River Crossing; To:

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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page

Sunday, June 01, 2008 11:39:34 AM Date:

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Person:

Lives in the project area Works in the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle Car or Truck Walk

P-0840-001 1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Replacement Bridge Supplemental Bridge

2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options: Light Rail between Vancouver and Portland

3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:

Lincoln Terminus: Yes Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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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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Comments:

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My main motivation is reduce our fuel consumption. Necessary steps include reducing congestion and making mass transit, pedestrian, and cycling more attractive transportation alternatives. To make ped and bicycle transportation more attractive I think we should have a bridge span that is shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and the light rail.

The LPA includes extending light rail, improving bicycling and pedestrian facilities and connections, and adding a toll to the highway crossing. The decreased duration of daily congestion, elimination of bridge lifts and reduction in congestion associated with crashes will also reduce fuel use.