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Person: Commutes through the project area

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P-0875-001 1. In Support of the following bridge options: Replacement 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: No Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Unsure Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments: Overall, the DEIS does an excellent job of assessing the impacts of the various P-0875-002

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

P-0875-002 alternatives. From the information provided, clearly the "no change" alternative is unacceptable and adversely impacts the future liveability of our community and the prospects for sustainable economic growth. A good transportation system is vital and this cooridor is the lifeblood of our community and needs to be improved.