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Person:
 Other - NONE OF THE ABOVE

Person commutes in the travel area via:

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1. In Support of the following bridge options:
 Do Nothing
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 Opinion
 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Opinion
 Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion
 Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

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 Energy

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This week, Oregonians saw the price of gas hit \$4 per gallon. For many families, this expense is creating a real problem. There are many things that you can do to maximize

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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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Significant increases in oil prices can have both short term and long term effects on travel behavior. In the short term, the options for responding to rising gas prices are more limited, and include driving less and/or changing from driving to walking, biking or transit for at least some trips. During recent increases in gasoline prices transit use increased and off-peak highway travel decreased. Peak period highway travel changed little.

- P-0902-002** | your gas mileage, like driving more efficiently and keeping tires properly inflated. For ideas and information, check out www.fueleconomy.gov.
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- P-0902-003** | When my neighbor bought a house very far from where they worked in 2002 I told him he should have bought a house closer to work. He just laughed at me, this is why I do not feel sorry for these idiots.
If they cannot see the future and plan accordingly, let them suffer.
- P-0902-004** | With my design the small cars will be all electric and they will be self sustaining. They will generate their needed power as they go and the percentage they cannot generate will be made up as they sit.
These will need a place to plug-in if they run low on power.
- P-0902-005** | I do not think this will be a problem in the future because the world is running out of oil. These idiots that want to punch holes all over are just kidding them selves.
At the rate of expansion & no birth control the energy will be almost all gone in 50 years or less.
At least the leaders of China are smart enough to have a form of birth control.
What is going to happen, is the MUSLIMS will take control of the earth because they have the OIL.
The world civil war will be between the Catholics & the MUSLIMS because of their birth policy.
When China goes Muslim and the rest of the world Catholic it is not hard to see the outcome.
China is drilling for oil off the coast of Cuba & all over Africa so you can see they will go Muslim as they will have to, to get the oil they need. I do not think they will invade Iraq as BUSH did.
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Over the long term, there are more options for adjusting to changes in gasoline prices, besides changing driving behavior. Technological advances and legislative mandates can increase fuel efficiency standards in the long term. In turn, as older vehicles wear out, more consumers can replace them with more fuel efficient vehicles. Automobile manufacturers are developing and will continue to develop new vehicle and engine technologies that require much less, or even no, petroleum-based fuels. This trend is already happening as evidenced by the growing popularity of gasoline-electric hybrid and small electric vehicles.

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

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