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Hi,

P-1000-0012 m a commuter that works in Portland, and live in Vancouver. I work for a good company, Time Warner Telecom with expellent benefits and a great place to work. It is worth the hassle of commuting, which I currently do riding CTran every day. In act, there are 29 people out of 50 employees that work in my office all commuting from Vancouver.

I am in total support of a Max line included in the bridge plans to Vancouver with the transit center at Clark College. I would prefer to see it ride along the I-5 corridor as I think going DT Vancouver would be slower with more stops. I think, the faster the service, more people will see it as very easy and convenient way to travel. If they can drive their own car and get

With gas prices going up all the time, people everywhere need to realize that mass transit is the only way for the future.

thank you, Jenny

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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. Numerous parties, including the City of Vancouver, selected the downtown light rail over the I-5 alignment, as it reduced costs, increased ridership, and contributes more to the plans for the downtown area. 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.