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1 If you have any inkling about what is
 2 best for this community and this project,
 3 you will go back to the drawing board and
 4 come up with another solution that does
 5 not involve light rail.
 6 If you think it's painful to do that
 7 now, just wait to see the repercussions
 8 that are in store for you and any other
 9 agency in this community should you
 10 proceed otherwise.
 11 It's ironic that this project is
 12 about building a bridge when what is
 13 really needed most is a bridge between the
 14 CRC Project and the community. Without
 15 full community support, this bridge will
 16 never get built. Thanks.
 17 HAL DENERINK: Thank you, John.
 18 And at this point we are going to switch
 19 out by adding Frank McBarron, Stephanie
 20 Turlay and Marcela -- I can't read that.
 21 Is there a Marcela? Okay. All right.
 22 Rory.
 23 RORY BOWMAN: Thank you. My
 24 name is Rory Bowman, P.O. Box 202,
 25 Vancouver. I live in 400 block of east

P-1041-001**P-1041-001**

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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Please refer to response to comment P-1041-001.

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Thank you for your comment. The alignment chosen to proceed in the LPA is the 17th street alignment.

The Clark College transit terminus was chosen by project sponsors as part of the LPA in July 2008, as it was deemed to most effectively balance the cost of the project and the projected community benefits.

For more information on the LPA, please see Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

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P-1041-001 | 1 McLoughlin. I am here speaking partially
 2 for myself and partially on behalf of some
 3 neighbors in that area.
 4 For myself, I favor a replacement
 5 bridge with light rail. I would prefer
 6 the Mill Plain MLS Terminus because I
 7 believe that is the most politically
 8 palatable option.

P-1041-002 | 9 I am sorry to hear some of my
 10 neighbors talking about crime and things
 11 like that, which I believe is a code word
 12 for something else -- and yeah. So light
 13 rail with a Mill Plain terminus.

P-1041-003 | 14 My second preference is -- looking at
 15 Page 2-34 is on Exhibit 2.3-20, two way
 16 alignment on 16th Street which would go to
 17 Clark College, but my first preference
 18 would be for the Mill Plain terminus or
 19 the Lincoln terminus because I believe
 20 they are politically the most palatable
 21 and will help people see the value of
 22 light rail especially business owners in
 23 that area. That doesn't make me very
 24 popular.
 25 What my neighbors wanted me to talk

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1 about tonight though is the chosen
2 alignment that would affect the McLoughlin
3 between E Street and D Street. This is
4 the most scenic portion of McLoughlin.
5 Specifically, there are six beautiful
6 maples that are about 50 years old and
7 about 18 inches at breast height there.
8 It is the block that is most beautiful in
9 that neighborhood and it is currently set
10 to eliminate all six of those maples,
11 which is pretty much the prettiest spot
12 between Clark College and Main Street.
13 That alignment would put the light
14 rail -- it would dramatically increase my
15 property value as a commercial property;
16 however, since I live there as a
17 residential property, it would put
18 trains -- depending on which 14 feet they
19 take -- either 13 feet from my front door
20 or six feet from my front door, which
21 would impact my quality of life.
22 I think the -- I am willing to take
23 one for the team. Okay. Condemn the whole
24 property if you need to. Light rail needs
25 to come. I would really would rather not

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1 take those six trees and my neighbors
2 asked me to say that tonight. Thank you
3 very much.
4 HAL DENGERINK: Okay. Tadd.
5 TADD HESS: Yes, my name is Tadd
6 Hess. Thank you very much for having
7 this. My home address is 2317 Northwest
8 101st Street.
9 I strongly agree with the idea of
10 building the biggest bridge we can build
11 with light rail. My own experience is
12 that of a carpenter. I do -- I do
13 structural concrete. I built a few
14 bridges in my life. I worked on a project
15 on the east coast that took 26 years to
16 get done. And the day they opened it, it
17 was already packed. And that's because
18 when you take too long to make decisions,
19 the plans that you have, have to be
20 re-upped so that it can deal with the
21 amount of people that you are adding on
22 every day that you are sitting around
23 deciding.
24 Now, a bridge isn't a Bic lighter.
25 You have to, like, make a decision to

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