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Looking at the big space under the traffic level of the bridge, could the light rail be put through there, utilizing that space and eliminating some width above?

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The Stacked/Transit Highway Bridge (STHB) option, which would allow transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians to travel beneath the highway bridge deck, was included as part of the LPA. The DEIS indicated that the two bridges required for this bridge option would put less bridge substructure in the Columbia River, likely resulting in less environmental impact. After publication of the DEIS, additional engineering studies were conducted that confirmed the feasibility of the STHB design.

The STHB is described in greater detail in Chapter 2 (Section 2.2) of the FEIS. Impacts associated with a STHB are discussed throughout Chapter 3 of the FEIS.