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P-0027-001 To the Editor: Dylan Rivera's coverage of the proposed new Columbia river crossing (5/2/08) provides the type of information the residents of our area need to help decide how best to proceed on this vital issue.

P-0027-002 In all of this discussion, however, I have yet to see the solution I favor: Tunnel under the river.
 The environmental issues could be reduced, and the existing span could be reconfigured for mass transit and light rail. Most of the work on the tunnel could be accomplished without disrupting the current system, and the widening projects soon to be undertaken may provide the relief we need in the interim.
 Dave Murray
 Beaverton, OR



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

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Many different options for addressing the project's Purpose and Need were evaluated in a screening process prior to the development and evaluation of the alternatives in the DEIS. Options eliminated through the screening process included a new corridor crossing over the Columbia River (in addition to I-5 and I-205), an arterial crossing between Hayden Island and downtown Vancouver, a tunnel under the Columbia River, and various modes of transit other than light rail and bus rapid transit. Section 2.5 of the DEIS explains why a third corridor, arterial crossing of the Columbia River, and several transit modes evaluated in screening were dropped from further consideration because they did not meet the Purpose and Need. For a general description of the screening process see Chapter 2 (Section 2.7) of the FEIS. It should be noted that every proposal received from the public was considered, and many of the proposals that were dropped from further consideration included elements that helped shape the alternatives in the DEIS.