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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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Attachments:

Home Zip Code: 97217
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Person:

Lives in the project area
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Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle
 Car or Truck
 Walk

P-0183-001

1. In Support of the following bridge options:
 Replacement Bridge
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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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.

Comments:
P-0183-002 | As a home-owner in the project area, I'd like to have input on the bridge design. I don't see any discussion of that here.

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The CRC project design for interchanges, roadway elements, transit stations, and other facilities will be context-sensitive and reflect the unique character of the surrounding area. CRC formed a 14-member, bi-state Urban Design Advisory Group (UDAG), made up of design professionals and neighborhood representatives. All UDAG meetings are open to the public to attend and observe, and are facilitated by the mayors of both the City of Vancouver and City of Portland. Goals of the UDAG include, achieving “design excellence that can be embraced by affected communities and users” and providing “a landmark bridge that is both inspired and inspiring and fully integrates the design and function of the structure with the urban design elements.” Working closely with project designers, UDAG will provide input and guidance on integrating the new facilities with the surrounding community. This work includes identifying significant iconography (e.g., symbols, patterns, etc) that will reflect the history of the area, the Native American communities, early pioneers, and other significant themes. These images will be incorporated into an art master plan. A more detailed discussion of bridge designs can be found in Chapter 3 (Section 3.9) of the FEIS.