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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2008 9:09:16 AM
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Person:
 Works in the project area

Person commutes in the travel area via:
 Bicycle
 Car or Truck

- P-0448-001**
1. In Support of the following bridge options:
 Do Nothing
 2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:
 Do Not Add HCT
 3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:
 Lincoln Terminus: No
 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No
 Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No
 Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No

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Comments:

- P-0448-002** | This is a very stupid boondoggle. Gasoline is killing us, killing our economy, killing our

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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.

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Please see Section 3.19.12 in the FEIS for a discussion of energy, peak oil and the CRC project. The LPA will help to reduce petroleum consumption compared to No-build. It is also likely that the project would be able to accommodate and serve future transportation demand even if gasoline is considerably less plentiful and more expensive than it is today.

P-0448-002 fisheries, killing our greenspaces, and with Bush in the whitehouse it is killing our children and damaging US relations with other countries. Stop this. Get out of the box. I
P-0448-003 know ODOT is intimately wedded to the idea of automobiles but stop it. What we really need is a new mission statement for ODOT.

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The Purpose and Need is based on extensive analysis of the existing and projected transportation problems in the I-5 CRC corridor, and reflects extensive feedback from the public and stakeholder groups. This includes analysis and input during the CRC study as well as the I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership Study and Strategic Plan that preceded CRC. The Purpose and Need focuses largely on metrics that do not inherently require substantial, or exclusive, increases in highway capacity. The purpose statement is intentionally worded so as to allow consideration of a wide range of solutions including demand management, transit, highway, tolling, and other options for addressing the stated needs. Following the development of the Purpose and Need statement, analysis of a wide range of alternatives, and input from the public, agencies and stakeholders on those alternatives and analysis, it became clear that that the Purpose and Need could not be met by any single type of improvement. It is best met by a multimodal alternative that improves highway, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the I-5 corridor, and adds tolling to the highway river crossing.