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Hello,

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I'm curious if anyone can answer my question:
 We already have an underutilized rail link from PDX Union Station to Vancouver that Amtrak uses. Why not add a dedicated commuter link that goes through the St. Johns cut- express service from downtown to downtown? Make a deal with UP to build a new rail bridge in exchange for x. We've made the Steel Bridge work for multiple modes of transport.
 Is this impossible or off the table for some reason?

Forcing the I-5 crossing to do everything simply concentrates congestion.
 Thank You,
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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, including commuter rail. Section 2.5 of the DEIS explains why a third corridor, arterial crossing, and several transit modes evaluated in screening were dropped from further consideration because they did not meet the Purpose and Need.