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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS
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Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments on the I-5 CRC DEIS.

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1 County or the City of Vancouver.
 2 Our senator, Craig Pridemore, has
 3 been working on legislation that changes
 4 the verbiage in there that will change how
 5 something can be handled or voted on. And
 6 what is being done is we are being
 7 eliminated from this process, the citizens
 8 of Vancouver.
 9 You want to increase our taxes, our
 10 fees, our everything else, but we don't
 11 get a say in it. I think this is wrong.
 12 I think the gentleman who came up and
 13 said, "If you don't have a support of all
 14 the people, you are going to have a lot of
 15 problems."
 16 Thank you.
 17 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you.
 18 Marcela.
 19 MARCELA ALCANTAR: Good afternoon.
 20 My name is Marcela Alcantar and my mailing
 21 address is 4134 North Vancouver, Portland,
 22 Oregon 97217.
 23 I am an owner -- I am veteran owned,
 24 woman owned, minority owned person. As
 25 part of that, half my employees work in

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B-033-001 1 Vancouver -- I mean drive to my office
2 from Vancouver and we are located in the
3 hot zone, so we contribute tremendously to
4 the community.
5 we have experienced a great opportunity in
6 our lives as well as our families as part
7 of the development of projects like this
B-033-002 8 one. My desire would be that a bridge
9 like this would be developed. I support
10 something like this, including Tri-Met or
11 a light rail.
B-033-003 12 My past as an immigrant in seeing
13 projects like this that run behind, it
14 brings down the economy and it brings down
15 life, people and opportunities.
16 The only thing that I am not in favor
17 of is the process that the current
18 Force -- or not necessarily the Task
19 Force, but the design portion of it that
20 has included diversity in the project.
21 Especially being a federally funded
22 project, there should be diversity and
23 local people to work in the current
24 project and not wait for the construction
25 piece of things.

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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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The Oregon and Washington transportation departments are both committed to contracting and hiring employees from qualified women-owned, minority-owned, disadvantaged or other protected companies. As a bi-state project, CRC followed this standard when contracting firms for work on the environmental impact statement. Both disadvantaged minority and women owned firms from Portland and other cities were hired for this work. As project development moves forward and construction begins, there will be additional opportunities for

disadvantaged, minority-owned and women-owned firms to submit proposals for contracts.

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1 I also am a member of Minority
2 Contractors and I am a national
3 representative for that organization. And
4 I have been asking them continuously for
5 opportunities and they said that because
6 Washington is taking the lead on it and
7 not Oregon -- the other thing is that they
8 say they are giving moneys, but it's not
9 to be the technical piece, but the local
10 public involvement.
11 So it's just sad for me as a minority
12 woman that there is no representation in
13 this especially when I -- most of my
14 employees are 50 percent African-Americans
15 and Hispanics.
16 Thank you.
17 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you. At
18 this time, we are ready to change out.
19 John Waller, Daniel Swink and Anne
20 McEnerny-Ogle. And we are ready to move
21 on to Bob Wachter.
22 BOB WACHTER: Good evening. My
23 name is Bob Wachter. I reside at 2813
24 Northeast 153rd Circle. I am a retired
25 engineer, having first seen the light of

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