

# Columbia River CROSSING Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Columbia River Crossing project welcomes your comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or any other aspect of the project or process. Please fill out this form and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Give this form to project staff or return to the project office.

**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

What is your home zip code? 97213 Work zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: (check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live in the project area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commute through the project area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Work in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Own a business in the project area?	

How do you regularly travel in the project area: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle?	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car or Truck?	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk?
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Comments:

**P-0662-001** Toll: We've already paid for the bridge in 1958, or longer. But something needs to be done to relieve the bottleneck of the daily morning and evening <sup>traffic</sup> on the I-5, it's costing time and money + frustration for the drivers, bikers + walkers. Do we want to be tolled for it? of course not!

**1. WHICH BRIDGE OPTION DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)**

**P-0662-002**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Replace the existing bridges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplement the existing bridges with a new structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do nothing — make no changes to the existing bridges
<input type="checkbox"/>	No opinion

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**P-0662-001**

Tolling was evaluated in the DEIS and FEIS, and included in the LPA for two important reasons. First, a toll may be necessary to pay for the construction of this project, as discussed in Chapter 4 of the FEIS. Second, a toll provides a valuable travel demand management tool that encourages travelers to take alternative modes (including light rail provided by this project), travel at off-peak periods, or reduce their auto trips. This demand management reduces congestion and extends the effective service life of the facility. When the existing I-5 northbound bridge was built in 1917, it was paid for with a toll. The southbound I-5 bridge, built in 1958, was also funded partially by tolls. In 2008, the Washington legislature passed enabling language for tolling on I-5, provided that each facility is later authorized under specific legislation. Once authorized by the legislature, the Washington Transportation Commission has the authority to set the toll rates. In Oregon, and the Oregon Transportation Commission has the authority to toll a facility and to set the toll rates.

**P-0662-002**

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

**2. WHAT HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT MODE DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)**

- P-0662-002**  Bus rapid transit between Vancouver and Portland
- Add Light rail between Vancouver and Portland
- Do not add high capacity transit between Vancouver and Portland
- No opinion

**3. WOULD YOU SUPPORT BRINGING BUS RAPID TRANSIT OR LIGHT RAIL TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS? (please check any that you would support)**

	Yes	No	Unsure	No Opinion
Lincoln Terminus (39th and Main)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higgins Bowl Terminus (I-5 and 45th)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clark College MOS Terminus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mill Plain MOS Terminus (15th and Main)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DO YOU WANT TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT? | Optional**

YES  NO Would you like to be added to the Project mailing list? *I'll read <sup>into</sup> on Envis*

Name (First & Last Name, Organization)

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

E-mail (enter address to receive monthly electronic updates)

## Thank you!

Give this form to project staff or return to the project office:

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www.columbiarivercrossing.org/CurrentTopics/  
DraftEIS.aspx

**Submit Online Comments**

www.ColumbiaRiverCrossing.org

Comments must be postmarked by July 1, 2008



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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.