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P-0679-001

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: Unsure
 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes
 Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Unsure
 Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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Comments:

P-0679-002 I have family in Seattle and friends in Vancouver, so I do use the I-5 bridge.

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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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Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments on the I-5 CRC DEIS.

- P-0679-003** Comments related in issues cited in recent media sources:
 -A few Vancouver residents were uncomfortable about the prospect of lightrail bringing "Portland's violence" to their community. While there has been a recent spike in violence on the MAX recently, it has remained a safe and efficient mode of transportation.
- P-0679-004** Lightrail needs to be accepted for the future as one answer to moving more people with less emissions.
- P-0679-005** -Replacing this bridge and its expansion has to be seen as the final 'rebuild' of a vehicular bridge. This won't happen ever again. 75-100 years from now, continued mass transit will have to be the answer to move people versus ever-widening a highway for vehicle.

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Safety and security are high priorities for C-Tran and TriMet. CRC, C-TRAN and TriMet are partnering with local jurisdictions, police and neighborhoods to design, implement and operate a safe and secure transit system. A Safety and Security Management Plan (SSMP) was created, in part, to address public concerns about safety, and is a requirement for funding from the Federal Transit Administration. Nationally, studies show that crime rates at the stations directly correlated to the amount of crime in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Between 2008 and 2009 TriMet has aggressively enhanced safety and security on its MAX and bus systems. During that time frame, the number of police officers working in the Transit Police Division doubled to 58 officers who spend up to 70 percent of their time patrolling the system. Additionally, TriMet added 15 new fare inspectors and granted authority for all 46 TriMet Road Supervisors to enforce fares.

Please see Chapter 3 (Section 3.1) of the FEIS for more information regarding potential impact on crime and plans for ensuring the safety and security of passengers using the light rail system.

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