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B-051-001 | I am writing to comment on the draft EIS. I am in favor of a replacement bridge with high transit light rail. While I believe that the existing I-5 bridges need to be replaced for many valid, congestion reasons, for me the number one reason for replacement is public safety - both of lives and our economy. There is not agrument that the existing bridges do not meet seismic standards.

B-051-002 | If there were to be a seismic event that were to render the bridges useless, besides the potential for loss of life to anyone on the bridges at the time of an event, the economic damages to the Vancouver/Portland area would be staggering. Try to image all of the I-5 bridge traffic needing to be re-routed to the 1-205 bridge while the region is having to be repaired and rebuilt. The congestion would be horrendous. Regarding the inclusion of high transit light rail with a local

B-051-003 | Vancouver terminus, the cost of connecting to Portland's existing system will never be less given the availability of Federal transportation funding. Given the raising cost of fuel, the demand for mass transit options can only be expected to outpace our region's growth. Thank you for allowing me to provide these comments.

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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.

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Please see response to comment B-051-001.