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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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1. In Support of the following bridge options:
 Supplemental Bridge
 Do Nothing
2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:
 Bus Rapid Transit between Vancouver and Portland
 Light Rail between Vancouver and Portland
3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:
 Lincoln Terminus: Yes
 Kiggins Bowl Terminus: Yes
 Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: Yes
 Clark College (MOS) Terminus: Yes

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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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Comments:

A new transit/bike/pedestrian bridge should be built. The current bridges should get earthquake upgrades and maintenance. I would like to see a toll on personal vehicles and freight traffic pass free. The freight traffic should have their own lane so they are not delayed. The full build option will only encourage more commuter traffic from Vancouver to Portland and will eventually fill with single occupancy vehicles. Any building solution should focus on freight and offer mass transit to commuters (no increase in capacity for personal vehicle drivers). Some plan to discourage "hop-over" traffic to the I-205 bridge should be included in the CRC plan (perhaps a toll on non-freight traffic on this bridge too).

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Thank you for your comment. 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.