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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS
PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

RED LION HOTEL
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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Following the close of the 60-day DEIS public comment period in July 2008, the CRC project's six local sponsor agencies selected light rail to Clark College as the project's preferred transit mode. These sponsor agencies, which include the Vancouver City Council, Portland City Council, C-TRAN Board, TriMet Board, RTC Board and Metro Council considered the DEIS analysis, public comment, and a recommendation from the CRC Task Force (a broad group of stakeholders representative of the range of interests affected by the project - see the DEIS Public Involvement Appendix for more information regarding the CRC Task Force) before voting on the LPA.

As illustrated in the DEIS, and summarized in Exhibit 29 (page S-33) of the Executive Summary, light rail would better serve transit riders than bus rapid transit (BRT) within the CRC project area. Light rail would carry more passengers across the river during the PM peak, result in more people choosing to take transit, faster travel times through the project area, fewer potential noise impacts, and lower costs per incremental rider than BRT. Additionally, light rail is more likely to attract desirable development on Hayden Island and in downtown Vancouver, which is consistent with local land use plans.

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1 concerned about property values going down
 2 on this side because people will be
 3 tending to move out.
 4 So that's -- thanks for hearing me.
 5 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you, Robert.
 6 Carol.
 7 CAROL PANFILIO: I am Carol
 8 Panfilio, P.O. Box 6427, Vancouver,
 9 Washington.
 10 With this light rail project, the
 11 cost is prohibitive for the amount of
 12 benefit to the citizens of this community.
 13 It's the most expensive Public Works
 14 project in the Northwest history and the
 15 light rail system is inflexible.
 16 The politics in this project make the
 17 bridge to Nowhere in Alaska pale to
 18 comparison.
 19 Thank you.
 20 HAL DENGERINK: Leonard.
 21 LEONARD BAUHS: Thank you. I am
 22 Leonard Bauhs, 5210 Northwest Cherry
 23 Street. I'm a proud and active resident
 24 of Vancouver.
 25 Very often we here primarily from

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