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1 short, but probably not that short.
 2 Good evening. I am Dave Ritchey. I
 3 reside in Washougal. I represent about
 4 500 workers through the labor union here
 5 in Vancouver, construction public
 6 employees and federal employee who travel
 7 across the bridge who spend a lot of time
 8 in traffic, at least probably eight hours
 9 a week in traffic. That time, that is
 10 like a days worth of work, eight hours
 11 sitting in traffic when they should be
 12 home with their families.
 13 We need to build this bridge, we need
 14 to build it now and with light rail. And
 15 s, that's all I've got to say.
 16 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you. Okay.
 17 The next three people that we are going to
 18 call up are -- Lisa, I am having a hard
 19 time with it, Ghormley. Debra Elliott,
 20 Dviya Michael Bertish. Okay. Now if we
 21 can go to Judy Tiffany.
 22 JUDY TIFFANY: My name is Judy
 23 Tiffany and I reside at 2609 Neals Lane,
 24 Vancouver, Washington. I support the
 25 replacement bridge with light rail. There



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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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1 is a couple feature that are really nice.
2 One of things that people are talking
3 about out there saying, why do you need to
4 make changes for the -- on the freeway for
5 Highway 500. Well, think about the middle
6 school there. If you take and put all
7 that freeway traffic on 39th Street, which
8 is what's happening now -- if you put an
9 on and off ramp, those children are going
10 to be a lot safer crossing that street
11 getting to and from school, than having
12 all that freeway traffic on a main street.
13 Also I think light rail is really
14 important to our community here. It will
15 take a lot of people off the freeway. I
16 presently take public transportation. But
17 by taking the bus across the bridge, you
18 are still in that traffic.
19 Some days I can spend between four to
20 five hours getting to and from work and
21 that's on public transportation because
22 our bus gets stopped in the traffic just
23 like everybody else.
24 I just want to say that to people
25 that have been doing this -- and I have

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Please refer to response to comment P-1067-001.

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1 been to a lot of these meeting -- are
2 doing good job. The information is on the
3 internet. People have been able to know
4 what is going on. I think we should
5 support them.

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6 Also I guess one other thing is we
7 need to replace that bridge because that
8 bridge is not safe. I can't ride my
9 bicycle over there. Has anybody tried
10 riding their bicycle across the I-5
11 bridge? I used to when I worked at
12 Jantzen Beach. I would have to stop
13 because somebody would be walking the
14 other way and walk my bicycle up that
15 hill. It's really -- you can't get ride
16 your bicycle over to the Max because it's
17 dangerous.

18 Anyway, I wholly support this and I
19 hope that this goes through. I also
20 understand that there is federal funding
21 for it now. Let's do it while we have
22 federal funding. Let's not wait until we
23 have to pay the whole bill. Thank you.
24 HAL Dengerink: Thank you, Judy.
25 Tom.

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