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# Columbia River CROSSING

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

## Comment Form

Columbia River Crossing

The Columbia River Crossing project welcomes your comments on the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or any other aspect of the project or process. Please fill out this form and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Give this form to project staff or return to the project office.

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

What is your home zip code? 97217 Work zip code? 98660

#### Do you: (check all that apply)

- Live in the project area?  
 Work in the project area?  
 Own a business in the project area?

- Commute through the project area?  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### How do you regularly travel in the project area:

(check all that apply)

- Bicycle?  
 Car or Truck?  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus?  
 Walk?

#### Comments:

P-1140-001

As much as people talk about ~~Portland~~ Portland being so well connected for bicycler, I've discovered from personal experience that this doesn't apply to the connection between N. Portland + Jantzen Beach. The bike path (starting at Jantzen Beach) is great until it ends up at an interchange at Delta Park - from there it's a pretty dangerous + confusing adventure, usually culminating in an escape up ~~an~~ an off-ramp on the road that leads to N. Interstate (near the Paul Bunyan statue). I'm certain that any solution for the I-5 bridge will improve the bike path actually over the water, but my concern is that nothing will be done to actually move bikers (safely and clearly) from the Portland side to that new + improved bridge path. And seriously, what's the point of spending the money to improve the bridge path if bikers can't get to it?

### 1. WHICH BRIDGE OPTION DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)

P-1140-002

- Replace the existing bridges  
 Supplement the existing bridges with a new structure  
 Do nothing—make no changes to the existing bridges  
 No opinion

- over -

### P-1140-001

The new 16-foot wide multi-use path would extend to the Marine Drive interchange, connecting to the Expo Center light rail station and the light rail bridge over North Portland Harbor. These new trails would provide safer and more direct bicycle and pedestrian connections than the circuitous paths that exist in and through the Marine Drive interchange today.

### P-1140-002

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.

**2. WHAT HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT MODE DO YOU SUPPORT? (please check any that you would support)**

**P-1140-002**  Bus rapid transit between Vancouver and Portland

Add Light rail between Vancouver and Portland

Do not add high capacity transit between Vancouver and Portland

No opinion

**3. WOULD YOU SUPPORT BRINGING BUS RAPID TRANSIT OR LIGHT RAIL TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS? (please check any that you would support)**

|   | Yes                                 | No                       | Unsure                   | No Opinion               |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lincoln Terminus (39th and Main)        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Higgins Bowl Terminus (I-5 and 45th)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clark College MOS Terminus              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mill Plain MOS Terminus (15th and Main) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**DO YOU WANT TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT? | Optional**

YES  NO Would you like to be added to the Project mailing list?

Name (First & Last Name, Organization)

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

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E-mail (enter address to receive monthly electronic updates)

(if possible please dont add me to the mailing list - but just contact me if further questions/comments re: the bike paths are needed... or something)

**Thank you!**

Give this form to project staff or return to the project office:

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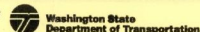
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www.columbiarivercrossing.org/CurrentTopics/  
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**Submit Online Comments**

www.ColumbiaRiverCrossing.org

Comments must be postmarked by July 1, 2008



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