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Comment or Question:  
 If light rail is chosen as the preferred mode for this project, please make an effort to align it next to I-5 or existing heavy rail tracks. That will have less of an impact on downtown businesses, and encourage future expansion north.

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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.

Light rail was designed to go through downtown Vancouver because it is likely to attract desirable development in downtown Vancouver, which is consistent with local land use plans.

The CRC project planning for light rail incorporates and supports the principles of the Vancouver's City Center Vision Plan. Downtown Vancouver has seen recent growth in higher density mixed use projects from three to 12 stories in height. In addition, another 4,000 downtown condominiums are proposed or pending as part of new developments. The core of Vancouver has, along with many of the larger corridors such as Fourth Plain Blvd, medium to high density residential development and an urban mix of uses. Transit demand in these areas is quite high, and ridership will increase with the introduction of light rail.