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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING

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Red Lion Inn at the Quay

Vancouver, Washington

SPOKEN COMMENTS

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1 world of the past, when our cherished hope was for more growth,
2 more goods and services, more development and more
3 transportation, and everyone's foot on the pedal. I hardly
4 need to remind you that gasoline is no longer cheap. Motorists
5 have already begun to throttle back on their driving. These
6 schemes are predicated on an increase in traffic, but it is
7 only reasonable to predict that traffic will decline.

8 I am relieved to know that some of our Metro
9 councilors understand these issues far better than I do and are
10 leading the way towards the best alternatives. It's
11 particularly reassuring to have leadership from Robert Liberty,
12 but I appreciate the knowledge and dedication of all our
13 officials, and I feel confident that when the facts are all in,
14 we will do the right thing.

15 Thank you.

16 DORIS COTTEN: I would like to have light rail come
17 over so we could actually get to Portland without a whole bunch
18 of hassle, since there is no jobs over here, and then make more
19 jobs. 

20 It would be nice to take a bike or walk across the
21 bridge. Yeah, the way that -- I told that lady that the next
22 earthquake we have, that bridge is coming down and she just
23 laughed at me.

24 What do you think?

25 We really need it because the -- well, I lived in

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1 California and they have the best transportation in California
2 and they've destroyed that. They had a good transportation
3 there. They had -- we -- we actually needed -- you can put
4 this down -- we actually need light rail to the beach again.
5 They had light rail.

6 A couple of years ago, I took the train to the beach
7 and it was a lot of fun. That was fun. I wish they could have
8 it back.

9 JULIAN LEVI: So my concern is that I-5 is overused
10 already and I'm extremely concerned with any disaster that
11 might happen in the area, for example, earthquakes or any other
12 massive disaster. It's my considered opinion that we really
13 need to have a third bridge across. I don't have any
14 particular place to put it, although I thought that a good area
15 would be to take the freeway from somewhere like Ridgefield and
16 go west of Lake Vancouver and continue into Portland through
17 the -- through the Portland dockyard area and so on.

18 I think that the I-5 bridge obviously needs to be
19 updated from a seismic point of view. I understand that. But
20 having a third option would be a tremendous insurance policy
21 for the future and take a lot of pressure off of I-5.

22 Basically, that's my statement.

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24 (SPOKEN COMMENTS CONCLUDED.)

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