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Red Lion Inn at the Quay

Vancouver, Washington

SPOKEN COMMENTS

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1 bottlenecks. I do not travel there -- through there at the
2 congested time.

3 And I think that this whole project needs to be
4 re-evaluated. They need to expand the area and they need to
5 extend this area that they're trying to consider and they need
6 to include other options. Specifically, I believe they need to
7 consider the railroad bridge as a possible new bridge with a
8 pathway for trucks -- there is a lot of industrial down
9 there -- and somehow uniting it at someplace -- now, that's not
10 my job; this is just an idea -- with I-5 at certain points.

11 It would be similar to 405. When I go to the
12 Terwilliger curves -- my son lives off Multnomah -- I always go
13 405. That's a loop that takes you out of the downtown city
14 center area, which is almost always one big mess of congestion.
15 So I think this would be a similar kind of a solution. And so
16 I think they should stop and just reassess this whole thing.
17 Focusing on the bridge is, to me, not going to solve it and
18 their own statistics say that.

19 DEBRA KALZ: I concur with what Pauline says.

20 I do have some other ideas, too, in that this whole
21 I-5 corridor from Hazel Dell through Portland needs to be
22 re-evaluated and make it a thoroughfare with no on-ramps, but
23 rather off-ramps, with on-ramps being strategically located to
24 reduce the number of on-lanes. And another bridge needs to be
25 considered in a different location.

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1 Why on earth they want to put something down I-5,
2 which is 50 years overdue, is like closing the barn door after
3 the horses are out.

4 I think that's it.

5 MITCH GOULD: Councilors, my name is Mitch Gould, and
6 I live in North Portland, at 7551 North Woolsey Avenue.

7 Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the
8 proposed I-5 bridge plans.

9 There are many reasons that I oppose expansion of the
10 I-5 bridge to handle more traffic, but three are paramount.

11 1. First, the nation is currently experiencing a
12 serious recession of uncertain duration. This is a good time
13 to be prudent with public money, but some of the bridge
14 proposals represent astronomical outlays and are liable to
15 incur overruns. I will not even try to address the complicated
16 matter of how bridge expansion is to be paid for.

17 2. Second, the city of Portland long ago committed
18 itself to addressing the climate crisis, but an expanded bridge
19 is viewed by many as an invitation to increase our greenhouse
20 gas emissions. I'm sure you know that the citizens whom you
21 represent are desperately worried about the frightening changes
22 which have already been set in motion. We expect you to honor
23 the city's existing commitments and take this crisis at least
24 as seriously as we do.

25 3. Third, these plans seem to reflect the dream

