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1 it's one lane and 405 matches and becomes
2 the two lanes.

3 So I see the problem is a -- really
4 not rooted in the congestion in Washington
5 State, but really it's a problem -- and I
6 think everybody who travels it knows that
7 very well. Until Portland gets its act
8 together and solves this, I don't think
9 the bridge is going to solve the problem.

10 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you. Jim.

11 JIM ANDRESEN: My name is Jim
12 Andresen. I live in 3400 Kauffman.

13 I have a couple comments. I'm not
14 sure if we are gaining any lanes or what. 
15 The pictures out there look like we are
16 gaining one lane if we use the old bridge.
17 If they put new ones in, they said only
18 three each direction, yet the picture here
19 on Page 21 shows six lanes on each one.
20 I'm a little confused on that.

21 I think keeping the old bridge would
22 be throwing good money to bad no matter
23 how many dollars you spent on it. If you
24 had to replace it in 20 years, it would
25 cost more to replace it in 20 years than

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1 the whole project is going to cost today.
2 The tolls -- nobody said a thing
3 about the tolls that they are going to
4 charge. I read in the paper not ago that
5 when they put the toll on they are going
6 to leave it on indefinitely. After the
7 bridge is paid for, they are going to use
8 it for paying for other projects around
9 the state.

10 What that is is not toll, it is a tax
11 and they should call it a tax. It's going
12 to be a tax on the few that use the bridge
13 for the projects of the masses. It should
14 be the other way around. If we are going
15 to pay for projects all of over the state
16 with the money we earn off of this bridge,
17 that's silly. As soon as the bridge is
18 paid for, the tolls should drop and the
19 money should not be siphoned off for
20 anything else while the bridge is being
21 paid for. It's just that simple. Plus
22 they ought to put a toll on the 205 bridge
23 so it gets paid off quicker.

24 I am in favor of the light rail.
25 It's damn expensive. It's probably the

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1 most expensive alternative, but it's the
2 only alternative that gets the traffic --
3 the commuter traffic off of the freeways.
4 It's got its own separate place to go and
5 it's not part of the congestion. It's
6 part of the solution, not part of the
7 problem. If you use buses, you will have
8 to deal with the rest of traffic.

9 HAL Dengerink: Thank you. Okay.

10 WALT KeENEY: My name is Walt
11 KeENEY. My main business address is 521
12 521 North First Avenue, Arcadia,
13 California. My Vancouver address is 2901
14 Northwest Old River Road in Vancouver.

15 The reason I bring up California --
16 this goes to the light rail and everything
17 I have been hearing tonight -- Number one,
18 people say 7000 to 8000 people a day
19 riding light rail from Vancouver across
20 the river. Believe me, that will make an
21 impact in traffic. 7000 or 8000 cars a
22 day off the bridge is a lot of cars.

23 About two years ago we had a transit
24 strike in L.A. There is a Metro line,
25 rail line that runs from Pasadena all the

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