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1 money. It is one of the most expensive  
2 transit options out there. The only thing  
3 light rail is good at is bringing in  
4 campaign donations to politicians that  
5 favor light rail.

6 Thank you.

7 HAL Dengerink: Okay. Thank you,  
8 Jim. Okay. The next three are Judy  
9 Tiffany, Tom Buchele and Suzan Hoffmann.  
10 And we are ready for Ed Barnes.

11 EDWARD BARNES: Mr. Chairman, my  
12 name is Edward L. Barnes. I live at 4009  
13 Northeast fifth Avenue. For the last  
14 12 years up until November 1st, I served  
15 as one of the seven Transportation  
16 Commissioners for the State of Washington.

17 I was involved from 1999 with the  
18 Freight Mobility Study and Henry Hewitt  
19 and I Co-Chaired the I-5 Partnership  
20 Study. And for the last three years the  
21 Columbia River Crossing has been doing  
22 their public outreach.

23 There has been thousands of man hours  
24 spent both in Oregon and in Washington to  
25 give the people the proper information



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1 that is necessary for them to make the  
2 evaluation as to what is the right course  
3 of this.

4 And a lot of the people that I hear  
5 now, including those three Metro  
6 Commissioners, I am wondering why with  
7 three months left to go before the final  
8 decision is made when they could have had  
9 a year ago, two years, ago three years ago  
10 that they could have brought their points  
11 up -- like a lot of the people here could  
12 have brought their points up at the I-5  
13 Crossing Meetings before the Metro  
14 Council, JPAC Bistate Committee, Thunder  
15 River Regional Council, City Council -- a  
16 lot of the people that are showing up here  
17 at the last moment had the opportunity to  
18 get their points across.

19 And the thing of it is with me, the  
20 Columbia River Crossing is a terrible  
21 bridge. The bridge is unsafe for people  
22 to drive on, for trucks to drive on.  
23 There is no bicycle use -- when you talk  
24 about increase in bicycle, we need light  
25 rail on this side of the river.

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1 I prefer the replacement bridge with  
2 light rail into Vancouver. Just like  
3 Portland, they started out from Gresham.  
4 They have increased it to Beaverton. They  
5 have increased it out to Clackamas Town  
6 Center. You don't build it all at one  
7 time.

8 And to hear these people talk about  
9 the Terwilliger Curves and stuff like  
10 that, you improve project by project. We  
11 did Salmon Creek when we moved it out to  
12 Hazel Dell, we did the Salmon Creek -- and  
13 the same way with the Delta Park  
14 interchange that is being changed over  
15 there.

16 This is just a segment of the highway  
17 that has to be improved. And for anybody  
18 that gets up like my three sons at  
19 five o'clock in the morning so that they  
20 can go to work and be at work on time and  
21 then miss out at nighttime getting home so  
22 that they can go to Little League or  
23 Scouts or the 4H because they are sitting  
24 back there in traffic. And all this  
25 pollution is going out in the air. Light

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1 rail doesn't pollute, buses and cars do.  
2 And so I am urging the people in this  
3 room tonight to give the Columbia River  
4 Crossing Task Force the credit that they  
5 deserve for job well done because they  
6 have worked their tails off to produce the  
7 information necessary for you public  
8 people to know what is going on with  
9 Columbia River Crossing. And due to the  
10 lack of people not going there, that is  
11 not their fault. It's not been publicized  
12 in the paper. The lady held up the paper.  
13 It's been in The Oregonian and everywhere  
14 else. So anyway, than you very much.  
15 HAL Dengerink: Thank you. Jared  
16 Ross.  
17 JARED ROSS: My name is Jared  
18 Ross and I reside in Chehalis. I would  
19 just like to say that I support the  
20 replacement bridge with light rail and the  
21 longer this process takes, the more it's  
22 going to cost. Thank you.  
23 HAL Dengerink: Thank you for your  
24 brevity. I appreciate it. Dave Ritchey.  
25 DAVE RITCHEY: I'm going to be

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