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1 As far as light rail, Washington has
2 got to figure out that they are our sister
3 partner and it may not be practical right
4 now in just landing in Vancouver, but it
5 will be needed.

6 HAL Dengerink: Thank you, Carl.
7 Plinio.

8 PLINIO CROW: Hello, my name is
9 Plinio Crow. I live in Salmon Creek here
10 in Vancouver.

11 Back when the I-5 Partnership Task
12 Force was before -- I proposed a third 
13 bridge alternative, which was called a
14 Revised West Arterial Passage kind of
15 based on Sharon Nasset's (phonetic) idea
16 expanded.

17 Basically it's connecting the SR-500
18 and SR-14 using both Burlington Northern
19 Railroads, tunnel through Forest Park,
20 then from Forest Park go over to
21 Wilsonville -- excuse me, to -- yeah,
22 Wilsonville.

23 Basically it's the Western Arterial.
24 The best -- this solution that I proposed
25 to the part-time Task Force would alev

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1 and solve all traffic congestions
2 throughout the Portland Metropolitan area
3 because you bring Washington County onto
4 Clark County. You bring Washington County
5 folks who go to the airport in Beaverton
6 Hillsboro through Clark County onto SR-14
7 through to the airport. Same thing on the
8 St. John's Bridge. It ties the ports
9 together.

10 This gentleman here, the Public
11 Commissioner who sits next to me for the
12 port of Vancouver -- excuse me -- Port
13 Commissioner -- brings port of Portland
14 together, brings jobs, brings
15 transportation, brings -- you know,
16 this -- my proposal costs like what, five
17 or six billion dollars because we are
18 tunneling. We need to spend the money.
19 Spend the money right. Do this project
20 logically, do -- the tax payers are -- I
21 believe they are willing to spend, you
22 know, five dollars for the toll because
23 they will understand, you know what, we
24 are bringing jobs, we are moving
25 transportation, we are doing rail

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1 improvement. We are not only tying the
2 I-5 bridge, but we are going to go ahead
3 and have more corridors, not only for the
4 military accessibility to our ports, but
5 also moving commerce back and forth.

6 We are competing against several
7 different ports from Port of Seattle --
8 excuse me -- Port of British Columbia all
9 the way to Mexico.

10 We need to realize that our ports is
11 our vital economic engine for this
12 industry. It is crucial that we tie the
13 ports together by building this Western
14 Arterial Bridge and to relieve the traffic
15 not just on the I-5 corridor, but the 205
16 and SR-14, SR-500, St. John's Bridge,
17 405 -- all those areas will be relieved
18 because people will realize they can go
19 not just north or south, but east to west.

20 We need to think big. Look at the
21 big picture. Focus on -- wow, you know
22 it's going to cost -- it's going to cost
23 seven billion dollars. And of course,
24 you've got the environmentalist who don't
25 want to tunnel through Forest Park and all

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1 of the other people who are going to go
2 ahead and complain about the houses being
3 moved.

4 But you know what? We need to do it.
5 It's the best thing to do for the economy.
6 It's the best thing to do for the region.

7 Thank you very much.

8 HAL DINGERINK: Okay. My
9 information that what we have left are two
10 remaining folks. Can I make certain of
11 that? Ginger.

12 GINGER METCALF: Thank you.
13 Freight mobility, delivery of services,
14 navigation, safety and jobs -- smart
15 planning calls for building a replacement
16 bridge now. It would be irresponsible of
17 us as citizens not to consider the
18 immediate future and the future of those
19 who follow us.

20 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you.

21 Debbie.

22 DEBBIE PETERSON: Thank you. My
23 name is Debbie Peterson. My address is
24 P.O. Box 82, Vancouver. I'm a 30-year
25 resident of this area and I am not either

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