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1 trucks from these two lanes until a new
2 bridge is built. This, of course, would
3 be unacceptable. That is why it's not
4 been proposed.

5 In my way of thinking, the Federal
6 Government owes this area a supplemental
7 bridge that they would pay for. We paid
8 for one of the structures currently in
9 place. The Federal Government should pay
10 for a new supplemental bridge.

11 I thank you for your time.

12 HAL DENERINK: Thank you. Okay.
13 At this point, I'd like to bring up a new
14 crew for this table. Thank you, folks.
15 Okay. The next three are Ed Barnes, Jared
16 Ross and Dave Ritchey.

17 As far as I am concerned, you can.

18 Okay. Paul Edgar.

19 PAUL EDGAR: My name is Paul
20 Edgar. I am from 211 5th Avenue, Oregon
21 City.

22 The I-5 corridor, as we now know it
23 through Portland, is broken. Just
24 replacing the interstate bridges does not
25 solve the problem of Terwilliger Curves,



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1 the Markham Bridge, the I-84 Interchange
2 and the two lane sections of I-5 along the
3 east bank. What it does do is it creates
4 an opportunity to induce more traffic into
5 the I-5 corridor with more vehicles
6 creating more congestion downstream.

7 This congestion will be result in
8 greater levels of pollution poisoning many
9 of the low income families trapped in
10 homes along the north sections of
11 Portland.

12 This is a very serious problem and it
13 evolves into reduced freight mobility and
14 it impacts on jobs and economic
15 development.

16 In a true world based upon ODOT law,
17 Oregon law statutes and Washington law
18 statutes, there is a need for equal
19 context sensitive -- contact sensitive
20 solution evaluations. This has not
21 happened.

22 The failure to do this is a violation
23 of state codes on both states. There are
24 alternatives.

25 David O'Cox (phonetic) and I had long

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1 interchange talking back and forth. He
2 made a statement to me -- and I can
3 provide it to you in writing -- telling me
4 that both the I-205 corridor and a west
5 side corridor had equal importance as
6 valid solutions to solving the problem of
7 north-south freight mobility in our region
8 and solving the overall problems.

9 Those two solutions really were
10 shuffled under the deck and were never
11 truly evaluated in a positive manner based
12 on the fact that I-205 should become the
13 primary north-south freight corridor
14 through our region and it is not. We
15 should be redirecting trucks that way.
16 And a west side bypass could be
17 implemented that -- along North Portland
18 Street replacing the railroad bridge with
19 a multi-deck, multi-load bridge.

20 But the most important part is safety
21 in the I-5 corridor could be immediately
22 solved and problems associated with it by
23 just redirecting traffic away from onramps
24 that currently feed to I-5 from SR-14 or
25 Hayden Island by creating looping ramps

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1 that eliminate those types of congestion
2 and turbulence immediately on the bridge.
3 Therefore, I could get double the capacity
4 on the bridge by just making those
5 changes.

6 HAL DENERINK: Thank you. Kim
7 Dalton?

8 KIM DALTON: Hi, my name is Kim
9 Dalton. I work at Hidden Farms, 2904 East
10 Evergreen Boulevard here in Vancouver. I
11 have taken the time to look over the draft
12 EIS and I can just say, wow, wow. It's a
13 big undertaking that you guys have been
14 able to put together and put out there for
15 us to peruse.

16 I do want you to know though that in
17 Appendix D there was a comprehensive list
18 of potential acquisitions. I notice that
19 the list is incomplete. Now I took the
20 time to research one of the properties
21 that is on the list.

22 And what I would like to tell you is
23 that it took me about a half an hour to an
24 hour to figure out where the property is
25 located. I had to go onto the Clark

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