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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS  
PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

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VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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1           The light rail must use signal  
2 priority for its operation. The  
3 surrounding lived with and grappled with  
4 freight running through them for decades.  
5 Bisecting the already busy freight  
6 corridors with light rail that has signal  
7 priority will place more time delayed  
8 freight that is idling and creating  
9 increased pollution in our surrounding  
10 neighborhoods.

11           This increase in delays will generate  
12 more traffic on a lesser used arterials of  
13 Mill Plain, Fourth Plain and 39th Street.  
14 Lesser corridors will conversely be  
15 dealing with cut-through traffic due to  
16 the removable lane on Main Street for  
17 automobiles.

18           Thank you.

19           HAL DENERINK:           Thank you.

20           Debra.

21           DEBRA ELLIOTT:       Hello. My name is  
22 Debra Elliott. I live at 400 Northwest  
23 Columbia Street in the West Vancouver  
24 neighborhood. I am from the Lincoln  
25 neighborhood.



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1           When the option of light rail coming  
2           in to my neighborhood was first proposed  
3           by the CRC about a year ago, I didn't  
4           believe anyone would seriously support  
5           running rail tracks through an established  
6           residential neighborhood. My opposition  
7           then was mostly personal. The livability  
8           of my neighborhood at risk for lost homes,  
9           lost businesses, endangering school  
10          children by the light rail's proximity to  
11          two public schools as well as from  
12          building a gigantic 1400 car parking  
13          structure between both schools and  
14          increased nonlocal traffic -- not  
15          forgetting the major change of the  
16          character of this historic area of  
17          Vancouver, and the inevitably rise in  
18          crime is statistically proven.

19          Tonight, my opposition to light rail  
20          has become much broader than just not in  
21          my backyard. Contrary to the Mayor's  
22          statements, this issue has been studied to  
23          death. I think it's being sugarcoated  
24          with vague answers about the actual  
25          funding, the maintenance and operation,

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1 selling its appeal to the majority of the  
2 population who would use it and no  
3 convincing proof that light rail is the  
4 best and only viable solution for  
5 interstate traffic flowing faster across  
6 the I-5 corridor, for less congestion and  
7 for greater highway safety.

8 The mayor said it's wasting  
9 taxpayers' money to answer any more  
10 questions. I'm a tax payer. The cost of  
11 a thorough and honest assessment of this  
12 issue is certainly a drop in the bucket  
13 compare to the billions of dollars I hear  
14 the project will ultimately cost.

15 Thank you.

16 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you, Debra.  
17 I don't know how to pronounce your name.

18 DVIJA MICHAEL BERTISH: You did fine  
19 earlier. Dvija Michael Bertish. I am at  
20 1514 East 29th Street in Vancouver. And I  
21 am -- personally I oppose the elements of  
22 the project that incorporate light rail or  
23 displacements of land acquisitions. I am  
24 also offering technical comments on behalf  
25 of Rosemary Neighborhood Association and

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