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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 HAL DENGERINK: Okay. Thank you,  
2 tom. Susan Hoffman.

3 SUSAN HOFFMAN: Hello. My name is  
4 Susan Hoffman. I am a resident of the  
5 (inaudible) -- my home is located at 3407  
6 I Street and my back alley borders the  
7 current I-5.

8 It currently appears based on the  
9 information provided in the DEIS that  
10 approximately half of my property, which  
11 includes the back alley and the area where  
12 I am able to park my vehicle is to be  
13 eliminated.

14 I have only learned this through  
15 talking with friends and viewing the Draft  
16 Environmental Impact Statement for myself,  
17 which however does list 3405 and 3409, who  
18 are both my direct neighbors in the  
19 statement. I find it kind of peculiar  
20 that given the fact that I am one of the  
21 three of us that has attended the most  
22 meetings and has listed my address most  
23 frequently, that I am not a part of the  
24 actual statement.

25 Also, I have not been personally



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1 notified through a home visit by the  
2 Columbia River Crossing Task Force of any  
3 of the individual impact to my residence  
4 as stated through the DEIS.

5 Also, I do not want light rail as  
6 part of downtown Vancouver running north  
7 up Main Street. I do not want the current  
8 atmosphere and the present community which  
9 exists in downtown Vancouver to be erased.  
10 I do not want to live in a downtown urban  
11 setting like Portland. If I did, I would  
12 move there.

13 Currently, there is a very vital and  
14 thriving community -- commercial activity  
15 within the downtown and Main Street  
16 corridors, which has been nurtured by many  
17 dedicated small business owners. It is  
18 not necessary to uproot them and transform  
19 the entire landscape by introducing a  
20 permanent light rail to our downtown,  
21 which would only serve to drive out those  
22 small businesses and the many residents  
23 with deep permanent ties to the area by  
24 increasing criminal activity, transient  
25 mobility and moving increased gang

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1 activity from Downtown Portland and  
2 surrounding suburbs into our area. We do  
3 not need light rail in Vancouver.

4 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, Susan.  
5 Okay. At this point, we are ready to  
6 change out with the next three folks.  
7 Robert Ross, Carol Panfilio and Leonard  
8 Bauhs, B-a-u-h-s. And now, Lisa.

9 LISA GHORMLEY: My name is Lisa  
10 Ghormley. I live at 3705 H Street. I  
11 also have a business at 207 East  
12 McLoughlin, which is slated for removal in  
13 the DEIS.

14 Most of the information that I  
15 gathered for the section about freight  
16 mobility, I got from the DEIS. If light  
17 rail is chosen, I feel the cost to the  
18 citizens and the surrounding neighborhoods  
19 of Vancouver is too high, the cost of our  
20 livability.

21 In Alinement Option Number Five,  
22 light rail will bisect three of the four  
23 major freight corridors listed for the  
24 Port of Vancouver -- Mill Plain, Fourth  
25 Plain and 39th Street.

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Cathy S. Taylor, RPR, CSR  
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