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1 Clark County.
2 HAL Dengerink: Apparently there
3 are three additional folks who have signed
4 up. I don't know, I am having more
5 trouble as the not goes on reading. A.L.
6 Kansanback. Everett? Is there an Everett
7 here? Jonathan Schlueter.
8 SPEAKER: I thought I had
9 signed up to speak. You haven't called my
10 name.
11 HAL Dengerink: I called everybody
12 who signed up. All right.
13 SPEAKER: If I can get up
14 and say something --
15 HAL Dengerink: Okay. And I've
16 got one more. Okay.
17 A.L. Kansanback: Good evening. 
18 Thank you gentlemen for coming. I am here
19 tonight because I got a little panicked.
20 When somebody pushes me to spend four
21 billion dollars as a taxpayer and I've got
22 to do it by tomorrow, I get real nervous.
23 I don't think that anybody has looked at
24 this thing with all eyes open.
25 We are talking, what, 50 percent or

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1 40 percent of the cost of the big dig here
2 in Boston. We all know about that baby.

3 This thing is getting out of hand.
4 This bridge is way overdone. It hasn't
5 looked at the alternatives. And you know,
6 if it costs to keep more dollars a year
7 down the road or two years down the road,
8 then let it happen. At least it will be
9 right.

10 We are not looking to the future with
11 the way we are doing it right now. Light
12 rail is not the answer. I am totally
13 opposed to light rail. It makes no sense.

14 Now with that said, if we've got to
15 look at something heavy, like people are
16 talking to the west side and to get rid of
17 the freight -- the day is coming we are
18 going to have 100 mile an hour trains
19 coming through here, so let's maybe look
20 at the future.

21 Light rail is not future. Light rail
22 is a glorified cable car and that happened
23 in the 1900s.

24 That's my opinion. Let's not build
25 anything. If they take the money away, so

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1 be it.

2 My god, Bin Laden's family can put a
3 bridge over the top of the Black Sea -- or
4 the Red Sea for ten billion dollars and we
5 are talking four billion to get just about
6 where I could throw a rock at a few years
7 ago? This is ridiculous.

8 Thank you.

9 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you. John.

10 JONATHAN SCHLUETER: Thank you.

11 For the record, my name is Jonathan
12 Schlueter. I'm the Executive Director of
13 West Side Economic Alliance based in
14 Tigard.

15 I thought until I heard one of your
16 previous witnesses say that he was from
17 Chehalis that I might claim the title for
18 the longest distance commute to testify at
19 tonight's meeting. So I thought it
20 appropriate to explain why somebody from
21 the west side of the Portland Metro Region
22 would want to appear here today.

23 It is because 105 companies in
24 Washington County ship containerized
25 freights over the Port of Portland and

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