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1 bridge. This not only slaps of arrogance,  
2 but it also shows their lack of ability to  
3 critically think through solutions to  
4 problems. They cannot grasp the slapping  
5 of a variable toll during peak hours.

6 I just want you all to understand  
7 that they refuse to realize that it's  
8 their problem on the Oregon side with the  
9 bottleneck, not Washington's.

10 Thank you very much.

11 HAL DENERINK: Thank you, Kim.

12 Jim?

13 JIM KARLOCK: Hello. My name is  
14 Jim Karlock. I live at 3311 Northeast  
15 35th in Portland, Oregon.



16 I brought with me my copy of the  
17 draft EIS statement. This is actually  
18 without the appendix. It's also without  
19 the technical supplements. There's what I  
20 managed to print so far. The ream of  
21 paper at the bottom is for the stuff I  
22 haven't yet printed.

23 So how many of you people at the  
24 table here have gone through this whole  
25 5000 to 6000 pages of information?

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1           I mean, you've got 45 days to do it.  
2           That's only 100 pages a day. Anybody  
3           ought to be able to sop up 100 pages of  
4           this stuff a day. I suggest that 45 days  
5           is he woefully inadequate.

6           Moving on. Here's a little surprise  
7           I found in -- someplace in this file.  
8           There's a picture of this thing over  
9           Hayden Island. Gee, you notice a shadow  
10          here? Well, that's because this stuff is  
11          elevated above ground.

12          Sharing it with one of the people a  
13          few minutes ago -- one of the engineers,  
14          it's apparently 30 feet above ground the  
15          entire length of the island. Nice price  
16          for the Islanders.

17          Just to get some perspective, the new  
18          bridge is going to -- the deck of the new  
19          bridge is going to be at the height of the  
20          tallest part of the current bridge  
21          excepting the towers.

22          So you want to see this individually?  
23          Just sight along the top of the bridge.  
24          That is where the new bridge will be.

25          And then we have this nice little

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1 view from the marina. Okay. Got more to  
2 do here.

3 Now I took a look at the cost of the  
4 light rail option. Apparently they expect  
5 7350 people during the evening four-hour  
6 rush hour if they build the delux bridge.  
7 No build will be 2000 people, so you get  
8 about 5300 people that will be attracted  
9 to transit by spending one-point -- excuse  
10 me -- by spending  
11 eleven-hundred-million-dollars for 5000  
12 people. That works out to 200,000 dollars  
13 for every person you attract to transit by  
14 spending eleven-hundred-million on light  
15 rail.

16 Well, that 200,000 dollars per person  
17 that you somehow hopefully attracted out  
18 of their car -- you can invest that at  
19 three percent a year and get 6000 dollars  
20 a year. About every five years, you can  
21 buy every one of those 5000 people a brand  
22 new car -- you know, like a Prius that  
23 uses a whole lot less energy than light  
24 rail because light rail certainly doesn't  
25 save energy. It certainly does not save

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1 money. It is one of the most expensive  
2 transit options out there. The only thing  
3 light rail is good at is bringing in  
4 campaign donations to politicians that  
5 favor light rail.

6 Thank you.

7 HAL DENGERINK: Okay. Thank you,  
8 Jim. Okay. The next three are Judy  
9 Tiffany, Tom Buchele and Suzan Hoffmann.  
10 And we are ready for Ed Barnes.

11 EDWARD BARNES: Mr. Chairman, my  
12 name is Edward L. Barnes. I live at 4009  
13 Northeast fifth Avenue. For the last  
14 12 years up until November 1st, I served  
15 as one of the seven Transportation  
16 Commissioners for the State of Washington.

17 I was involved from 1999 with the  
18 Freight Mobility Study and Henry Hewitt  
19 and I Co-Chaired the I-5 Partnership  
20 Study. And for the last three years the  
21 Columbia River Crossing has been doing  
22 their public outreach.

23 There has been thousands of man hours  
24 spent both in Oregon and in Washington to  
25 give the people the proper information

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