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1 CARL KATIMS: Hello, my name is
2 Carl Katims. I live at 2031 north Jantzen
3 Avenue here on -- halfway to Oregon.
4 Certain realities have to be faced.
5 If it's not until the present bridge
6 simply dissolves, at some point, there
7 needs to be a new bridge.
8 What I hear from people --
9 objection -- aside from the very obvious
10 one of not feeling involved is the cost
11 and the impact and the time and the need.
12 Well, there will be a new bridge. It
13 may not be today. It may not be in ten
14 years. But it will happen and I can
15 promise you, it will be more expensive
16 then than now.
17 And for the Washington people to say
18 that it's for us and not them, I would
19 remind you that Oregonians don't really
20 come over here at rush traffic. We go
21 home. But it takes me 20 minutes to get
22 from Delta Park to Hayden Island because
23 the Washingtonians are backed up.
24 They worry about gas -- greenhouse
25 effect gases. When my car sits in one



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1 spot for five minutes versus making the
2 entire trip, guess what?

3 Let's -- now the other issues is
4 impact on people's lives and this is a
5 serious value. I am not a scientist. I'm
6 not a politician. My credential is that I
7 am an American. And all of the acts that
8 we do must reflect our values. And
9 America values people's homes and
10 businesses.

11 If this can be done with the least
12 impact, that should be first on the list.
13 Now I proposed in the past and I continue
14 to propose that the bridge be built
15 without a stop on Jantzen -- on Jantzen
16 Beach -- simply going completely over,
17 which eliminates a great deal of the
18 danger of the arch and 80 percent of the
19 engineering problems at least 50 percent
20 of the litigation problems and it can be
21 built sooner.

22 And if you think it's not needed,
23 20 years ago, I could drive in Seattle and
24 not see another car on the freeway. It's
25 gonna happen.

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1 As far as light rail, Washington has
2 got to figure out that they are our sister
3 partner and it may not be practical right
4 now in just landing in Vancouver, but it
5 will be needed.

6 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you, Carl.
7 Plinio.

8 PLINIO CROW: Hello, my name is
9 Plinio Crow. I live in Salmon Creek here
10 in Vancouver.

11 Back when the I-5 Partnership Task
12 Force was before -- I proposed a third
13 bridge alternative, which was called a
14 Revised West Arterial Passage kind of
15 based on Sharon Nasset's (phonetic) idea
16 expanded.

17 Basically it's connecting the SR-500
18 and SR-14 using both Burlington Northern
19 Railroads, tunnel through Forest Park,
20 then from Forest Park go over to
21 Wilsonville -- excuse me, to -- yeah,
22 Wilsonville.

23 Basically it's the Western Arterial.
24 The best -- this solution that I proposed
25 to the part-time Task Force would alev

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