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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS  
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1 I either can't get there at all via the  
2 system that is in place or I can't get  
3 there because -- sorry, I just lost my  
4 train of thought -- because of the  
5 inflexibility of it.

6 I don't -- it doesn't seem a  
7 practical system. Whereas, if you were  
8 relying on a bus system, it's very  
9 versatile. It can change in size to  
10 accommodate the ridership that is  
11 involved. You can travel along with the  
12 cars immediately or you can create, you  
13 know, a designated lanes for it, for rapid  
14 bus transit like they were mentioning.



15 So I think that this whole project  
16 just needs to be given more public input.  
17 I see the public is kind of being shut out  
18 and the whole Environmental Impact  
19 Statement, as has been mentioned, needs to  
20 be allotted plenty of time for that review  
21 process. There is a lot of material to  
22 cover there.

23 HAL DENERINK: Thank you. Anne.  
24 ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE: Good evening,  
25 Anne McEnery-Ogle, 3501 F Street.

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1           There are two issues that need to be  
2 addressed prior to that July deadline.  
3 The draft EIS states that the Staff has  
4 gone door to door in the impact area to  
5 discuss the impacts to businesses, and we  
6 have found that not to be true  
7 unfortunately.

8           Businesses at 29th, 31st, 33rd, 37th,  
9 39th and Main Street did not know about  
10 this and had not been informed. Three of  
11 the businesses at the corner of Fourth  
12 Plain and Broadway including the  
13 Walgreen's, the Vancouver Education  
14 Association and the church had not been  
15 notified about this project.

16           Five businesses along McLoughlin did  
17 not know about it. And the Clark County  
18 Historic Museum had not been told, even  
19 though the document clearly states the  
20 Staff has gone door to door and engaged in  
21 conversation with the businesses.

22           The businesses were not aware of  
23 their loss of parking along the transit  
24 lines. Some had already renewed their  
25 leases without the knowledge of the impact

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1 from the Columbia River Crossing. And in  
2 fact, some have been told that they could  
3 get insulation and new windows to mitigate  
4 for noise, air and vibration impacts.  
5 Unfortunately, that is not true for  
6 businesses, and so the door so door  
7 campaigning needs to be completed as soon  
8 as possible.

9 In addition, the City of Vancouver  
10 and the C-Tran Board of Directors and the  
11 citizen have been told that Vancouver has  
12 the 750 million dollars from the Federal  
13 Government to pay for light rail. And  
14 again, unfortunately, it's come to light  
15 that that is not true.

16 So it's important that the CRC  
17 provide the actual information, especially  
18 the upfront noting and the competitive  
19 grant process to our decision-makers  
20 before that July deadline.

21 Thank you very much.

22 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, Anne.  
23 Okay. At this point, I am going to do a  
24 change out by adding Ginger Metcalf and  
25 Debbie Peterson, and we'll go to Jerry

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