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1 not to spend three nickels for spending
2 one dime.

3 Thank you for your comments.

4 HAL Dengerink: Thank you. John
5 Mohlis.

6 JOHN MOHLIS: Thank you. Good
7 evening. My name is John Mohlis. I'm the
8 Executive Secretary Treasurer for the
9 Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council,
10 which is an umbrella organization for
11 approximately 20,000 union building
12 workers in Southwest Washington and
13 Northwest Oregon. My address is 3535
14 Southeast 86th Avenue in Portland.



15 Our Council is on record in support
16 of a replacement bridge with light rail.
17 We believe that that is the right project
18 for our region, for our economy and for
19 the environment.

20 In my job with the building trades, I
21 am contacted from time to time by existing
22 businesses that are considering expansion
23 or by businesses from outside of our area
24 that are considering relocating here, and
25 one of their main concerns always is how

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1 am I going to get my goods and products to
2 market and how are my employees going to
3 get to work and back home in a timely
4 fashion to their families.

5 Some folks have spoke tonight about
6 possibly retrofitting the existing
7 bridges, seismic upgrades. I don't care
8 how much lipstick you put on those two
9 bridges, you are still stuck with two draw
10 bridges on the I-5 corridor.

11 It's the main artery on the west
12 coast from Canada to Mexico. And to have
13 draw bridges in this day and age on that
14 artery is ludicrous to have people backed
15 up for hours at a time when those bridge
16 lifts are going on.

17 So we hope that the replacement
18 bridge with light rail is the project that
19 is chosen and moves forward so that our
20 region and our citizens can continue to
21 prosper.

22 Thank you very much.

23 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, John.

24 Now John Felton.

25 JOHN FELTON: Good evening, my

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