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PUBLIC HEARING

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1 Sharon?

2 SHARON NASSAT: Thank you. For
3 the record, my name is Sharon Nassat. My
4 address is 1113 North Baldwin. Thank you
5 very much for having hearings today. Good
6 to see you gentlemen.

7 I would like to talk about going back
8 to the process we are in, which is the
9 NEPA process. One of the best things
10 about the NEPA process is it's set up in a
11 form that gives you a chance every once in
12 a while to stop, look over what you have
13 done, evaluate it, reflect and decide if
14 you are going forward with what you really
15 need.

16 Right now is one of those times. And
17 what I have noticed from attending
18 Portland Planning, city meetings,
19 Vancouver meetings -- I don't know, I've
20 been to many of them -- including RTC, is
21 that all the Agencies are talking about
22 that they would like to see more things.
23 We have more questions than answers. I'm
24 not ready to give a green light.

25 Most of these meetings are on TV,



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1 including Portland access and are well
2 worth seeing. They are pointing those
3 things out because the process does not
4 have a viable range of options. A range
5 of options, transit and highway, are
6 needed in the NEPA process.

7 The next part is that we are in the
8 middle of a -- the Columbia River Crossing
9 is multimillion dollar company with
10 60-some employees, several consultants.
11 It has been going on for a long time. It
12 is trying to produce a billion dollar or
13 several billion dollar product. And yet,
14 you have no directors and no CEO.

15 The sponsor Agencies who are
16 responsible were to set up a Sponsor
17 Council. They are to be making the
18 decisions. No offense to you gentlemen,
19 but we should be talking to the Sponsor
20 Agencies, the Council, the people who were
21 asked to make deliberation, make choices
22 and decisions.

23 We have a staff recommendation. It
24 is the same as the CEO board members of
25 multimillion dollar company having their

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1 staff making all the decisions.

2 The NEPA process is meant to stop and
3 reflect. All over the country, it does
4 that several times. There is absolutely
5 no shame and nothing wrong with stopping
6 and doing this and taking a look at it.

7 The idea that we are going to get the
8 Government -- our Government -- to follow
9 the law by producing a lawsuit is totally
10 beneath us. We do not need our dirty
11 laundry nationally washed.

12 HAL Dengerink: Thank you. Jon.

13 JON HAUGEN: Good evening. My name
14 is Jon Haugen, H-a-u-g-e-n, and I reside
15 at 13502 Northwest 49th Avenue in
16 Vancouver, Washington. I've read the
17 Columbia River Crossing Draft
18 Environmental Impact Statement.

19 It seems that three years ago and
20 80 million dollars ago, the Planners were
21 told to produce a document to support
22 building -- to support spending 4.1
23 billion dollars to replace six lanes of
24 traffic with six lanes of traffic with
25 light rail.

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