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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS
PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

RED LION HOTEL
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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1 Oliver.

2 JERRY OLIVER: I am Jerry Oliver.
3 I reside at 2004 Southeast 125th Court in
4 Vancouver. I would mention that I am a
5 Commissioner with the Port of Vancouver,
6 but I am here as a private citizen this
7 evening.



8 I favor a replacement bridge. I do
9 not favor spending 1.2 billion dollars for
10 the high capacity transit -- code word for
11 light rail -- as an adjunct to the
12 replacement bridge.

13 Unfortunately, there are five locally
14 preferred options provided and the only
15 one that seems to fit my immediate concern
16 is no build, and that's not something that
17 I would choose.

18 The previous speakers have mentioned
19 the fact that light rail has been very
20 successful and they mention Los Angeles,
21 Chicago and the Washington D.C. area.
22 This is not the Northeast Corridor or
23 Southern California or Chicago.

24 The proposed -- the projected
25 population of Clark County of one million

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1 at 2050 will not be adequate to justify
2 light rail, certainly not the population
3 that we have today. If it were three or
4 four million, you might get a different
5 answer, but it -- it simply isn't.

6 1.2 million dollars to serve 15,000
7 people, the projected ridership in 2030,
8 22 years from now, is simply far, far too
9 much and should not be expended.

10 The alternative should be a West Side
11 Arterial that has been previously
12 mentioned, but again, that is not one of
13 the five locally preferred. I would
14 suggest a no build adoption.

15 The other issue -- and this does
16 concern the Port -- is freight mobility
17 is -- in the four corridors going into the
18 Port area are going to be affected. I am
19 not at all satisfied that the projection
20 of timing of lights will allow for the
21 smooth flow of motor transport and it will
22 cause further congestion and pollution in
23 the neighborhoods.

24 Thank you.

25 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you. Carl.

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