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1 present that recommendation then it is for
2 these three gentlemen from Tri-Met to
3 present their recommendation at this late
4 date. That is just utter nonsense. My
5 idea is better than their idea and how
6 dare they.

7 Tri-Met must include Vancouver
8 (inaudible) as soon as possible.
9 Quad-Met, as I call it, must become more
10 transparent. The exact cost (inaudible)
11 should be told and we should be published
12 at least once a month so we know.
13 (Inaudible) should also be there.

14 (Inaudible) evaluation of the
15 investment because of light rail -- I
16 called Tri-Met and they told me it's
17 currently about six to eight billion
18 dollars that's occurred in Portland.

19 Thank you.

20 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, Frank.
21 Stephanie.

22 STEPHANIE TURLAY: Thank you. My
23 name is Stephanie Turlay. I live at 2211
24 Northeast 157th Avenue here in Vancouver.

25 Across the country, with few



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1 exceptions, most light rail projects have
2 failed dismally. They have left the
3 citizenry with millions and millions of
4 dollars to support a failed system. I am
5 very concerned if you have taken this into
6 consideration in moving ahead with this
7 project.

8 I think a lot of the people are
9 beginning to feel that we are getting this
10 shoved down our throats literally.

11 We have been told by our mayor, "No
12 light rail, no bridge." That's a threat.

13 There has been a lot of study gone on
14 in this, yet out there on your sign you
15 were telling the citizens of Vancouver
16 pretty much that we are going to have
17 sales tax increases, DMV fees, motor
18 carriers fees, license fees, fuel tax, et
19 cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

20 And then underneath you have a
21 disclaimer which states, "No decisions
22 have been made about this project of how
23 it will be funded."

24 I cannot imagine in my wildest dreams
25 that a project of this magnitude is being

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1 undertaken without knowing exactly where
2 the money is coming from, and for you to
3 put up something in the lobby like that is
4 really basically pretty much an insult to
5 the citizenry.

6 How long do these fees go on? Who is
7 going pay the fees? Is just the people in
8 the City of Vancouver? Is it Clark
9 County? Is Portland going to be involved?

10 The project needs to be explained.
11 The financing for this project needs to be
12 explained in tremendous detail before you
13 expect to go -- us to go along with this.

14 I would also like to state that the
15 problem with the traffic flow is not on
16 the Washington side, it's on the Oregon
17 side down at the Rose Quarter where
18 everything backs up. Until that area is
19 cleaned out, I don't care if you put in 25
20 lanes, you are still going to have a
21 bottleneck.

22 The other thing that I want to
23 address briefly is the fact that
24 everything has been apparently to
25 circumvent a vote by the people of Clark

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1 County or the City of Vancouver.
2 Our senator, Craig Pridemore, has
3 been working on legislation that changes
4 the verbiage in there that will change how
5 something can be handled or voted on. And
6 what is being done is we are being
7 eliminated from this process, the citizens
8 of Vancouver.
9 You want to increase our taxes, our
10 fees, our everything else, but we don't
11 get a say in it. I think this is wrong.
12 I think the gentleman who came up and
13 said, "If you don't have a support of all
14 the people, you are going to have a lot of
15 problems."
16 Thank you.
17 HAL DENGERINK: Thank you.
18 Marcela.
19 MARCELA ALCANTAR: Good afternoon.
20 My name is Marcela Alcantar and my mailing
21 address is 4134 North Vancouver, Portland,
22 Oregon 97217.
23 I am an owner -- I am veteran owned,
24 woman owned, minority owned person. As
25 part of that, half my employees work in

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