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I could not stay for the public comments this evening but I would like to add my comments.

Vancouverites need to stop thinking only about today and have a vision for the future. Folks are too into "what's good for me" not what will the future folks need. With the projected growth of this area it is imperative that we go to light rail along with a new bridge. I lived in San Francisco when they were talking about BART. Oh, the naysayer's were at it. Now, tell the folks that you will take away BART and there would be riots.

As someone who was raised in the East, first close to Boston then close to New York City, I know how great rapid transit can be. The Westerners love affair with the car has to be modified as time goes on. Train travel is far superior to bus travel and unfortunately, bus riding has some history that draws it down in one's thinking. Folks don't mind riding a train but tell them they have to take a bus and suddenly it is a negative.

Thank you for the opportunity to have some input to this important issue.

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