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2 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

3 Is it Joe, or Kirk?

4 **MR. SCHAEFER:** I'm Joseph Schaeffer. I'm
5 a land use planner here on behalf of Diversified
6 Marine, which is the shipyard just across Marine
7 Drive from our parking lot here today. Diversified
8 Marine builds tugboats and small ferries and does
9 repair work on -- on boats of that nature. And we
10 support the replacement bridge with the light rail
11 option.

12 However, there's a very important
13 condition for us, and that relates to the design of
14 the Marine Drive interchange. Two of the proposed
15 designs include a very large margin ramp on Marine
16 Drive, which effectively closes all access, not only
17 to our property, but also eliminates any street
18 access between the different sides of I-5. That,
19 naturally, would displace the business, and for
20 obvious reasons, we're opposed to that.

21 The third option for the Marine Drive
22 interchange is what's called the southern alignment,
23 which moves most of that Marine Drive traffic to the
24 south side of the Expo Center here and would allow a
25 local street bridge to be put in closer to our

1 property and the waterfront that would allow us to
2 have street access to the property, and also allow
3 access from on one side of I-5 to the other.

4 We still might be taken out by the light
5 rail line, but we're working with TriMet on that,
6 and we have some hope that we can avoid that impact.
7 But if the -- if the standard option or the diagonal
8 option for the Marine Drive interchange is approved,
9 we're just going to be wiped out. That -- It's that
10 simple.

11 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

12 Bob Carroll.

13 **MR. CARROLL:** I'm Bob Carroll. I'm a
14 resident of Vancouver; the Lincoln area. I'm a
15 member of the IBEW Local W48. I'm also a business
16 owner in Vancouver.

17 I support the replacement bridge with the
18 rapid transit light rail options. Even if there is
19 less traffic on the bridge, because of gas prices
20 and stuff, I believe there will be an even larger
21 increase in rapid transit.

22 I worked up in New York City for two and a
23 half years; all I used was -- was the trains and the
24 subways, and that was a great way to get around. So
25 I greatly support that.