

1 I've been a resident of Vancouver for -- since 1984.

2 I favor the replacement bridge with light
3 rail. I think it's a good green option. I'd like
4 to see all the material used on the job made in the
5 USA. I'd like to see good paying wages for the
6 people working on that bridge.

7 I'd also like to, you know, see that
8 bottleneck that's really affecting the quality of
9 living for members or for people in the, you know,
10 city and stuff. It just increases all the time.
11 And we need to do it in today's dollars, because
12 it's just going to skyrocket in the future.

13 I'd also favor a toll on the bridge, as
14 long as it's got a sunset to that toll. Eventually
15 it will go away and not be a never-ending thing.
16 And that's about all I got.

17 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

18 At this table -- if I haven't screwed this
19 up -- Lori Charlton? You're here?

20 **MS. CHARLTON:** I am.

21 **MR. HEWITT:** Terry Parker, Jim Kodawa
22 (sic), and John Russell. And Lori is the next
23 speaker.

24 **MS. CHARLTON:** Good evening.  I'd like to
25 say "thank you" as well for the opportunity to

1 provide public testimony this evening.

2 My name is Lori Charlton. I live at 2703
3 Northeast 127th Street, Vancouver, Washington.
4 That's off Exit 7 in the Salmon Creek area. And I'm
5 here this evening representing myself and my family.
6 We've lived in Clark County. We moved there from
7 Wilsonville, Oregon in 1991. We've experienced
8 firsthand the rapid growth in the area, especially
9 in Clark County; 210-plus percent growth in the
10 decade from 1999 to 2000 (sic).

11 I'm here to extend my support for a
12 supplemental bridge with mass transit, including
13 right rail. I guess I'm a little struck this
14 evening. I really appreciate the display and the
15 open house in terms of becoming knowledgeable before
16 coming to this public hearing. I guess I'm really
17 struck by the fact that the CRC was established in
18 1999, and we are soon approaching the year 2009. I
19 feel like, as a nation, we need to mobilize faster.
20 We need to do things quicker. In terms of today's
21 dollars, today's people, today's impact, ten years
22 just seems like an extraordinary amount of time, to
23 me.

24 I'm a practitioner in the health care
25 world. I used to work for Kaiser Permanente. My

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1 husband still does. He works in Portland, and I
2 work in Longview. In my industry, ten years, that's
3 an unacceptable time frame. Patients die sooner
4 than that. People are born sooner than that.
5 People acquire illnesses and injuries. And I -- I
6 just -- I guess it's -- I'm probably the most struck
7 by the time lines.

8 So I support a supplemental bridge with
9 mass transit. And I would appreciate the
10 opportunity to use today's dollars with our people.

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

12 Joe Baron.

13 **MR. BARON:** Good evening. My name's Joe
14 Baron. I'm with the Pacific Northwest Regional
15 Council of Carpenters. My address is 7624 North
16 Willamette Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97203.

17 I come before you to express my, and the
18 carpenters' support, for the Columbia River Crossing
19 Project with a light rail option. The existing
20 Interstate Bridge is a major bottleneck between
21 Canada and Mexico and adds hours to people's
22 commutes every day, either coming south or going
23 north. Slowdown means thousands of vehicles are
24 sitting in traffic polluting the air, wasting
25 precious fuel and people's valuable time. It is