

1 major railroads only concerned with, you know,
2 shipping large -- moving large trains of similar
3 units from city to city, they don't have much
4 interest in moving freight -- goods around in a
5 metropolitan area. And, matter of fact, there is an
6 industry down on U.S. 30 -- I can't tell you what
7 industry at this point -- that couldn't get
8 reasonable service to move stuff to Vancouver.

9 So, at this point, I would say no-build is
10 the option I support, because all the rest of the
11 options add auto capacity, even if it's in the form
12 of auxiliary lanes that clear out the main lanes.
13 They add auto capacity, when I don't think it's
14 needed. We need to move the freight by rail with a
15 new rail bridge parallel to the current rail bridge
16 that that would open at the same time, or other
17 means. But I don't think that we need the excess
18 auto capacity.

19 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

20 J.R. Robinson.

21 **MR. ROBINSON:** My name's J.R. Robinson.

22 Current address is 4503 Northeast 38th Street in
23 Vancouver. 

24 I've worked for the last ten years in
25 Hillsboro, so I commute that quite a bit. And there

1 is traffic there. There is congestion there. That
2 I-5 Bridge is obsolete and outdated. There needs
3 not to be a drawbridge there on an -- on an
4 interstate of that capacity. I am in favor of the
5 new bridges with light rail, safer bicycle and
6 commute -- and pedestrian lanes. I -- I think that
7 it should be built ten years ago. I think today's
8 dollars is the best for our money. I think it needs
9 to be underway right away. I -- I also don't
10 believe that that should take ten years to build
11 that. I think, if that bridge was to be devastated
12 in some way along with the other bridge, that there
13 would be some way to get that built quicker than ten
14 years. I think that's way too long. That's all.
15 Thank you.

16 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

17 Temple Lentz.

18 **MS. LENTZ:** I'm Temple Lentz. I live at
19 3612 Q Street in Vancouver.

20 And I would like to agree with the
21 previous speaker, that it's actually really
22 heartening to hear positive comments tonight, which
23 is more than I tend to see in the papers or that I
24 heard last night at the hearing there. This is a
25 strong project that's long overdue, and I advocate a