

1 which is for -- for everybody.

2 But then, if you're not doing any  
3 apprenticeship hours on a particular job, you're  
4 obviously not doing any apprenticeship hours for  
5 women and people of color. And so, that's another  
6 issue -- the third issue -- minority and women  
7 participating in apprenticeship hours.

8 So, again, I'm undecided. I haven't made  
9 up my mind on how I will take a look at this. And  
10 I'm not here to -- to beat up on people for the  
11 past, but I'm really saying that over the next six  
12 months we have an opportunity to move forward. I  
13 would encourage the prime contractors on a lot of  
14 ODOT's jobs, and particularly on the Delta Park  
15 project, take a look at, can -- can we do a better  
16 job on -- on this front? And I think, if we can do  
17 a better job on minority contracting and  
18 apprenticeship hours and minority and women  
19 participation, that it would be a much easier fit to  
20 support this in the legislature. Thank you.

21 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you for coming.

22 We'll hear from either Ken Morgan or John  
23 Bartles.



24 **MR. MORGAN:** Ken Morgan.

25 **MR. HEWITT:** Ken Morgan. Thank you.

1           **MR. MORGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, for  
2 letting me speak. My name's Ken Morgan. I live in  
3 the Piedmont area. I'm a business manager of Labor  
4 Local 296 in Portland.

5           I'm speaking as a citizen for Piedmont.  
6 The traffic is so backed up that the pollution is  
7 polluting that area. The bridge is -- if we had a  
8 massive earthquake, it'd be in the river, so then  
9 we'd be dealing with that; all them lost lives.

10 There's going to be a gridlock -- that traffic is.

11 It's not gonna get better. The steel's gonna go  
12 higher. All the cost of the bridge is gonna get

13 more and more. They've been studying it for 12

14 years. They -- I think they studied it out enough.

15 Light rail has did a wonders for Portland. It

16 started to pay off now, when the gas is set \$5.00 a

17 gallon for regular, it's probably gonna be 6 by the

18 end of the year. So if they want to keep paying

19 their -- and setting their Island -- you can't even

20 go to Jantzen Beach from the Piedmont area. It

21 takes you an hour to get to there, so most of us

22 don't go after work to do any activities in that

23 area because the traffic's too bad. And most of

24 that could be prevented there, and it ain't -- and

25 it can't push you over on 205, because that's gonna

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1 be a gridlock, too. And so, it just causes more  
2 problems for us.

3 The light rail would be the best thing  
4 happening to Vancouver. It's already at the Expo  
5 Center. So you could go from there to Hillsboro;  
6 pretty soon you'd be able to go to Oregon City,  
7 basically, it will be to Wilsonville, so it'll be a  
8 plus for us.

9 That's all I have to say. Thank you very  
10 much for your time.

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

12 Jim Bartles.

13 **MR. BARTLES:** Hello. Hello. Can you hear  
14 me?

15 **MR. HEWITT:** We can hear you fine.

16 **MR. BARTLES:** My name is John Bartles. I  
17 live in Portland, Oregon. And I got kind of agree  
18 in -- if we don't do it now, we'll be sorry. And  
19 (inaudible) cross the Glenn Jackson Bridge  
20 (inaudible) but a whole lot better than the  
21 Interstate Bridge. (Inaudible.)

22 And number three, it -- the Interstate  
23 now, you don't get stuck in traffic, like you do  
24 cars. You can pass that on to your politicians.  
25 Thank you.