

1 you for the tremendous job that you've done and the  
2 support people that you've used that -- to make this  
3 process work. You give everybody an opportunity to  
4 have their chance and their say. Thank you.

5 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

6 I have some more names, and I think I'll  
7 have join this table (indicated), Pamela Ferguson  
8 and Bob Shepps. And come to this table (indicated)  
9 Art Lewellan, Robert Gordon, and Robert Marino.  
10 Finally, in my previous (inaudible) the last  
11 principal, we are going to hear from, Ron Swaren  
12 next.

13 **MR. SWAREN:** Thank you. I did speak last  
14 night at the Vancouver meeting. I'm in favor of the  
15 BNSF arterial proposal. I'm not against mass  
16 transit, and that includes MAX. I think that that  
17 would probably be -- be a better route for MAX,  
18 because it -- 'cause -- connect to the Amtrak  
19 Station in Vancouver, and hopefully help promote  
20 some interstate rail travel.

21 The comment that the guy made about the I-  
22 35; that was a tragedy. But every year there are  
23 1,200 construction fatalities in the United States,  
24 and 200 of those are in infrastructural work. So if  
25 this country embarks upon a humongous program of

1 infrastructural projects, expect quite a few  
2 fatalities. I think there is a need for  
3 infrastructure improvement, but I think it needs to  
4 be done with a real prudent -- like I say, a sharp  
5 pencil.

6 I think the -- the benefit of the BNSF  
7 corridor is that it could be done in conjunction  
8 with an improvement of interstate rail, both  
9 passenger and freight rail. And it would also be  
10 something that could enhance the business  
11 development in Vancouver. There's a nice parcel of  
12 land there on the -- the waterfront in Vancouver  
13 that has been proposed for a very nice business  
14 development. And we're also seeing an infill of  
15 high-density residential in -- in riverfront areas  
16 in Portland. So that route, if it connects to  
17 Highway 30, would be a good link between two  
18 bridging areas of high-density development.

19 I think that -- another issue is that this  
20 country has kind of ended up in a financial crisis  
21 with high deficits. And I think that the --  
22 whatever Public Works projects to improve the  
23 infrastructure have to be done very cautiously. I -  
24 - I think there are probably interests that would  
25 like to see really large projects. But I don't

1 think that's really prudent. I -- I've seen some  
2 calls for, like, 11 trillion in investments, which  
3 could easily grow to 15 trillion, the way things  
4 work out.

5 So, I think -- I think just following a  
6 prudent course and infrastructure. And that's why I  
7 favor what's been called the "Western Arterial."  
8 Thank you.

9 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

10 Pamela Ferguson.

11 **MS. FERGUSON:** Thanks for having us here  
12 tonight. My name is Pamela Ferguson. I live on  
13 Hayden Island; 2270 North Broughton Drive. I've  
14 been a resident of Hayden Island for about five  
15 years. I -- I represent the -- I'm the president of  
16 the homeowners' association for the manufactured  
17 home community on Hayden Island, which is about 440  
18 homes. Over 1,500 homeowners live in the community.  
19 Largely, an unrepresented group, usually, in these  
20 proceedings. I don't know of anyone here from my  
21 community tonight, unfortunately, even though they  
22 have been very well educated over the past three  
23 years. The CRC team have made sure that they have  
24 always attended our homeowners' association  
25 meetings, our High Noon meetings. There's been open