


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



1 houses. They've attended picnics that we've had
2 outside. Our community is informed, and well
3 informed, thanks to the CRC team. So we -- we -- I
4 want to commend them for that.

5 What do we want? We talk about it a lot.
6 We want -- we want less lifts, or no lifts on the
7 bridge. We want better public transit. We want
8 transit all the way over to Vancouver so we can get
9 there fairly easily. We want access to Marine
10 Drive. It's very important for people that live on
11 Hayden Island to have access to Marine Drive so we
12 can get on and off and get to businesses in that
13 area. We want less congestion. I live in a
14 community with mostly senior citizens. And their
15 joke -- their standing cocktail party joke is: "I
16 hope when I have my heart attack I don't have my
17 heart attack between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.,
18 because I'll never be saved. There's no one that
19 can get to me by that time because of the traffic on
20 I-5." Because, as you know, Hayden Island is --
21 we're dependent upon I-5. It's our only way on and
22 off the Island.

23 We want better bike and pedestrian access
24 facilities. It's very confusing for residents of
25 Hayden Island even to take their bicycle to the Expo

1 Center or Delta Park. It's just difficult to get
2 here.

3 Of course, we have had many spirited
4 conversations about the tolls. We're not opposed to
5 tolls, as long as the residents of Hayden Island
6 don't have to pay them. We figure we're right in
7 the middle of everything. Why do we have to pay?
8 But we're amenable; we'll have more discussion of
9 that.

10 I'm in support of -- my community is
11 largely in support of a replacement bridge with
12 light rail. And, of course, we're also in support
13 of our Hayden Island plan; another team of people
14 that've done great work on Hayden Island. And --
15 and we ask you to consider the option for the good
16 of Hayden Island community. Thank you.

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

18 Bob Shepps.

19 **MR. SHEPPS:** I'm Bob Shepps. I live at
20 1975 North Jantzen Avenue, which for those of you
21 who don't know, is just across the river.

22 With all due deference to the boards of
23 High Noon and Tomahawk Island, who are on the east
24 side of I-5 -- those of us who are on the west side
25 of I-5 who will be directly impacted by losing