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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS
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1 I either can't get there at all via the
2 system that is in place or I can't get
3 there because -- sorry, I just lost my
4 train of thought -- because of the
5 inflexibility of it.

6 I don't -- it doesn't seem a
7 practical system. Whereas, if you were
8 relying on a bus system, it's very
9 versatile. It can change in size to
10 accommodate the ridership that is
11 involved. You can travel along with the
12 cars immediately or you can create, you
13 know, a designated lanes for it, for rapid
14 bus transit like they were mentioning.



15 So I think that this whole project
16 just needs to be given more public input.
17 I see the public is kind of being shut out
18 and the whole Environmental Impact
19 Statement, as has been mentioned, needs to
20 be allotted plenty of time for that review
21 process. There is a lot of material to
22 cover there.

23 HAL DENERINK: Thank you. Anne.
24 ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE: Good evening,
25 Anne McEnery-Ogle, 3501 F Street.

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1 There are two issues that need to be
2 addressed prior to that July deadline.
3 The draft EIS states that the Staff has
4 gone door to door in the impact area to
5 discuss the impacts to businesses, and we
6 have found that not to be true
7 unfortunately.

8 Businesses at 29th, 31st, 33rd, 37th,
9 39th and Main Street did not know about
10 this and had not been informed. Three of
11 the businesses at the corner of Fourth
12 Plain and Broadway including the
13 Walgreen's, the Vancouver Education
14 Association and the church had not been
15 notified about this project.

16 Five businesses along McLoughlin did
17 not know about it. And the Clark County
18 Historic Museum had not been told, even
19 though the document clearly states the
20 Staff has gone door to door and engaged in
21 conversation with the businesses.

22 The businesses were not aware of
23 their loss of parking along the transit
24 lines. Some had already renewed their
25 leases without the knowledge of the impact

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1 from the Columbia River Crossing. And in
2 fact, some have been told that they could
3 get insulation and new windows to mitigate
4 for noise, air and vibration impacts.
5 Unfortunately, that is not true for
6 businesses, and so the door so door
7 campaigning needs to be completed as soon
8 as possible.

9 In addition, the City of Vancouver
10 and the C-Tran Board of Directors and the
11 citizen have been told that Vancouver has
12 the 750 million dollars from the Federal
13 Government to pay for light rail. And
14 again, unfortunately, it's come to light
15 that that is not true.

16 So it's important that the CRC
17 provide the actual information, especially
18 the upfront noting and the competitive
19 grant process to our decision-makers
20 before that July deadline.

21 Thank you very much.

22 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, Anne.
23 Okay. At this point, I am going to do a
24 change out by adding Ginger Metcalf and
25 Debbie Peterson, and we'll go to Jerry

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