


1 downtown Vancouver. Add to this crude estimate,
2 which does not -- and this crude estimate does not
3 include shoppers from Portland and vacationers to
4 the area who will now have access to Vancouver. It
5 is hard for me to imagine that this is bad for
6 business.

7 I will be submitting a more detailed
8 opinion -- or option -- to the CRC via e-mail that
9 addresses the list of issues that I previously
10 mentioned. For now, I want to go on public record.
11 I believe that the best solution is a new bridge
12 with light rail. Thank you.

13 **MR. HEWITT:** Michelle -- is it Hamann?

14 **MS. HAMANN:** Hamann.

15 **MR. HEWITT:** Hamann, excuse me.

16 **MS. HAMANN:** My name's Michelle Hamann. I
17 live at 4112 Lincoln Avenue in Vancouver,
18 Washington. My husband and I moved to Vancouver
19 about six months ago. And the one thing that is
20 lacking in the neighborhood that we chose is an 
21 efficient and acceptable way to use public
22 transportation to get into Portland. It either
23 necessitates poorly-timed buses, too many transfers,
24 or is having to drive our car 50 blocks north, or
25 across the bridge, to get into the city. That's why

1 I'm strongly in support of bringing light rail into
2 Vancouver. When deciding where the light rail line
3 should end in Vancouver, I think we need to look,
4 not only to short-term costs, but to long-term
5 plans, not only to get people into Portland, but for
6 the city of Vancouver as a whole. I feel that the
7 Mill Plain and Clark College options are
8 unacceptable, because, while it gets light rail
9 across the river, it does not get it to the people
10 that actually are going to be using it. I feel that
11 it does need to go north. I feel like the Lincoln
12 Terminus is the best option, because it passes
13 through the uptown village area past the businesses
14 so that it is part of a full plan that does not just
15 get people through residential areas into Portland,
16 but can build a larger system for Vancouver on its
17 own and linking Vancouver and Portland. Thank you.

18 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

19 Shawn Bacon.

20 **MS. BACON:** Hello. My name is Shawn
21 Bacon. My address is 4423 Southeast 45th --

22 **MR. HEWITT:** Come up closer and speak up.

23 **MS. BACON:** Sorry.

24 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

25 **MS. BACON:** My address is 4423 Southeast