

1 So, to me, the emphasis needs to be on how
2 are we going to be able to live together in the
3 future with transportation that the environment and
4 we can really afford. And so, that makes -- means
5 making big changes instead of saying, "Well, I have
6 a hard time getting to work, and I don't like it."
7 Because, really, soon -- very, very soon that's not
8 going to be the only issue. We can't continue the
9 way we have and all work together and live together
10 reasonably on the planet.

11 So, to me, we need to have that be a
12 bigger focus instead of continuing in our -- the way
13 we've always done things and hope that if we have
14 more lanes, somehow it won't be as bad and life will
15 be good. So I'd like to see some real statistics on
16 what the differences will be between our options and
17 what other things we could do with this money,
18 besides what we're going to do if we make a bridge.
19 Thank you.

20 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

21 I think, at this table (indicated), next
22 will be Sharon Nasset, Jim Karlocks, and Ed Barnes.
23 Three familiar faces. And our next speaker is Chip
24 Shields.

25 **MR. SHIELDS:** Thank you Mr. Co-chair, 

1 members of the committee. For the record, my name
2 is Chip Shields -- Chip Shields. I'm State
3 representative for District 43 in Oregon, North and
4 Northeast Portland.

5 And I-5 runs on the -- or, my district is
6 on the east side of I-5. And, essentially, the
7 Columbia River Crossing will divide my district and
8 Representative Kotucks' (phonetic) district in
9 District 44, and Senator Carter is the senator for -
10 - for both sides of that. I'm also a member of the
11 ways and means budget committee and a member of the
12 transportation and economic development
13 subcommittee. And, as you know, it is likely that
14 some action will need to be taken in the next
15 legislative session to perhaps provide a local match
16 for this project.

17 And I just wanted to come here to let you
18 know that, at this point, I'm undecided on whether
19 or not to support the Columbia River Crossing in the
20 budget committee, because the project will roll
21 essentially right through my district, but I'm
22 concerned that not all residents of my district will
23 be able to benefit from the -- the economic benefits
24 that the bridge construction will convey.

25 There are three issues that I would like

1 to see some improvement on over the next six months
2 before we go into the next legislative session. And
3 I really believe that they can be accomplished, and
4 a lot of my colleagues, I think, would appreciate it
5 when we're deciding the degree of our support.

6 Those three issues are -- First of all, on minority
7 contracting, those of you who've been paying close
8 attention to these issues know that the disparity
9 study that was recently completed showed a
10 deficiency in contracting to African-American firms
11 as well as Asian-American firms. So I'm concerned
12 about that.

13 Secondly, an issue that doesn't get as
14 much press, perhaps, but I think is just as
15 critical, is the apprenticeship hours on a lot of
16 the ODOT prime contract jobs; multimillion-dollar
17 contracts that have a percentage, and our goal for
18 apprenticeship hours, generally, that is very
19 important to building the next generation of
20 workforce. And a lot of ODOT's contractors have
21 been very deficient in that and have been concerned
22 that ODOT hasn't been able to figure out a way to
23 hold those prime contractors accountable. And then
24 within that, a subset, which is very important is --
25 So you have the apprenticeship hours, generally,

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.