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Public Hearing

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3 JUDITH TIFFANY: I want to support the bridge with
4 the light rail going across. One thing about the bridge, the
5 I-5 corridor, this is the only lifting bridge in the whole
6 system. This is a massive corridor transportation area. We
7 should not be having a lifting bridge in the middle of the
8 freeway.

9 Also, it would be really nice to be able to walk or
10 take a bicycle across the bridge, which is not possible at the
11 present time.

12 Along with the new bridge, there will actually be a
13 side area so that if somebody stalls out, they could be pushed
14 over to the side instead of closing the whole bridge down.

15 And I want to talk about having light rail go to
16 Vancouver. I really resent the fact that people who don't take
17 public transportation think that only the criminal element ride
18 the MAX. People that work hard all their lives take two hours
19 to get to work and two hours to get home, work in places that
20 serve these people that think that they don't need light rail.
21 They need to think about it because, you know, people who work
22 retail and service cannot afford cars.

23 And why do we need any more cars on the road anyway?
24 I think that we need fewer cars on the road and more mass
25 transit. Everywhere in the world they have mass transit to

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1 get people to work. People do not take their car, one person
2 in a car, drive it to work, have to be provided with a parking
3 space for it all day long and then drive it home. It's just
4 ludicrous. We should have public transportation. People do
5 not need to have their cars sitting at work all day or paying
6 \$4 a gallon for gas.

7 I also think that for safety reasons, the
8 information -- the connection between I-5 and 500 will be
9 really nice to have that changed because there is a middle
10 school there. And at the present time, cars get off the
11 freeway to go onto the next freeway and the kids have to cross
12 that street where those cars are going by, and it's very, very
13 dangerous. I used to live near there, so I know that.

14 I just think that -- the other thing I think is that
15 the people who worked on this project, all the people have put
16 a lot of time and effort into it. They don't have an agenda.
17 They just want to do the very best thing for this community as
18 possible. And for people to come in and say do they have an
19 agenda, that there is -- it's -- it would be impossible. How
20 would they have an agenda? How would they make a profit off of
21 it? It's just --

22 What we need is to support the Columbia River
23 Crossing team. They've put a lot of hard work into it. They
24 know what's going on. And if you keep track of what's going
25 on, you would know what's going on, too.

