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1 take those six trees and my neighbors
2 asked me to say that tonight. Thank you
3 very much.

4 HAL Dengerink: Okay. Tadd.

5 Tadd Hess: Yes, my name is Tadd
6 Hess. Thank you very much for having
7 this. My home address is 2317 Northwest
8 101st Street.

9 I strongly agree with the idea of
10 building the biggest bridge we can build
11 with light rail. My own experience is
12 that of a carpenter. I do -- I do
13 structural concrete. I built a few
14 bridges in my life. I worked on a project
15 on the east coast that took 26 years to
16 get done. And the day they opened it, it
17 was already packed. And that's because
18 when you take too long to make decisions,
19 the plans that you have, have to be
20 re-upped so that it can deal with the
21 amount of people that you are adding on
22 every day that you are sitting around
23 deciding.

24 Now, a bridge isn't a Bic lighter.
25 You have to, like, make a decision to



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1 build something that is either enlargeable
2 (sic) or large enough to deal with the
3 future.

4 As far as the light rail goes, if I
5 have a choice between sitting in a car in
6 traffic or sitting in a bus in traffic,
7 I'll sit in my car, you know. In the
8 wintertime, I am halfway hypothermic, you
9 know. The last thing in the world I want
10 to do is slog onto a bus. But if I can
11 hop on a train and run across quick, that
12 would probably change it.

13 It's already -- you know, I'm already
14 paying for parking in Portland that's out
15 of this world, so the idea of paying for a
16 toll is -- I'm totally against it.

17 I think that we should consider
18 pulling out the 150 million dollars a year
19 that Washington residents pay to Oregon in
20 income tax and I think that we should tax
21 Oregon residents who buy products on this
22 side of the river. That way, we can
23 probably come up with a little bit of
24 money to pay for it besides the Fed.

25 And in conclusion, I just have to say

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1 that the other thing that I am sort of
2 bothered by is not only sort of just the
3 general, like, busting on you guys that's
4 been happening, but also I think that we
5 cannot let Pierce Airfield make a decision
6 of how tall a bridge should be. I think
7 it's matter of national security and also
8 an economic matter for this whole -- for
9 the whole northwest.

10 With that, thank you, Gentlemen.

11 HAL DENERINK: Thank you, Tadd.
12 Joe.

13 JOE CORTRIGHT: Joe Cortright,
14 Portland.

15 On reading the Draft Environmental
16 Impact Statement, I was struck that as a
17 work of literature it reminds me of Marcel
18 Proust's Remembrance of Things Past --
19 extraordinarily long turgid work written
20 in a foreign language obsessed with the
21 time gone by -- and one other thing, a
22 work of fiction.

23 I think there are 15 flaws in the
24 draft environmental impact statement and
25 I'll go through them quickly.

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