

1 provide improved connectivity to the existing paths  
2 on both sides of the river.

3 I also wanted to address the impact that  
4 increased vehicle traffic volumes will have on  
5 greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, and  
6 health. Elevated levels of greenhouse gases have  
7 significant impacts on air quality and related  
8 health outcomes, including asthma and other lung  
9 conditions. In addition, research has increasingly  
10 showing the dramatic effect that overall climate  
11 change will have on human health, not only because  
12 of increases in air pollutants and allergens, but  
13 also the depletion of water supply and quality,  
14 spread of infectious disease, and extreme weather  
15 conditions and related economic impacts to Northwest  
16 economies. Therefore, strategies to reduce vehicle  
17 miles traveled are necessary to ensure the health of  
18 our residents.

19 I appreciate the opportunity to comment  
20 this evening and urge you all to consider the health  
21 impacts of the bridge alternative in your decision-  
22 making. Thank you.

23 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

24 Dave Johnston. 

25 **MR. JOHNSTON:** My name's Dave Johnston.

1 I've been a resident of Vancouver for -- since 1984.

2 I favor the replacement bridge with light  
3 rail. I think it's a good green option. I'd like  
4 to see all the material used on the job made in the  
5 USA. I'd like to see good paying wages for the  
6 people working on that bridge.

7 I'd also like to, you know, see that  
8 bottleneck that's really affecting the quality of  
9 living for members or for people in the, you know,  
10 city and stuff. It just increases all the time.  
11 And we need to do it in today's dollars, because  
12 it's just going to skyrocket in the future.

13 I'd also favor a toll on the bridge, as  
14 long as it's got a sunset to that toll. Eventually  
15 it will go away and not be a never-ending thing.  
16 And that's about all I got.

17 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

18 At this table -- if I haven't screwed this  
19 up -- Lori Charlton? You're here?

20 **MS. CHARLTON:** I am.

21 **MR. HEWITT:** Terry Parker, Jim Kodawa  
22 (sic), and John Russell. And Lori is the next  
23 speaker.

24 **MS. CHARLTON:** Good evening. I'd like to  
25 say "thank you" as well for the opportunity to