

1 homes, having our mortgage cut in half, and subject
2 to more pollution during construction activities
3 are, say, less enthusiastic about the possibilities
4 of the bridge.

5 What we'd really like to see is good
6 justification that will not just move the bottleneck
7 down the road, but really justifies to us the undue
8 hardship that we're going to have to endure during
9 the build and displacement that we'll all suffer.

10 Thank you.

11 **MR. HEWITT:** Thank you.

12 The lists keep coming. Joel Batterman.
13 We'll put you at this table over here (indicated),
14 and we'll go on with Art Lewellan.

15 **MR. LEWELLAN:** Could I allow one of the
16 other guys here to go before me so I can collect my
17 thoughts?

18 **MR. HEWITT:** Sure.

19 We'll then go to Robert Gordon.

20 **MR. GORDON:** My name's Robert Gordon. I
21 live at 7909 Southeast Raymond Street in Portland,
22 97206.

23 Number one, will the future price of fuel
24 eliminate the factor for traffic? In other words,
25 if fuel keeps going to up, will there be as much



1 traffic? Will a bridge be needed? If it is needed,
2 I favor the supplemental with bus rapid transit. I
3 don't favor light rail at all. I'd rather use
4 buses, either diesel or electric. They have no need
5 for a special roadbed, and they can use the existing
6 infrastructure.

7 Also, as a bicyclist, I find that light
8 rail attracts -- particularly in the Pearl District
9 -- a hindrance and a danger to my travel. If it is
10 built, build it big for traffic and freight use.

11 Your food, building materials, whatever you wear or
12 ride, if it's a bicycle or car, usually it gets
13 delivered by wheeled vehicle. So freight down, and
14 you will pay more to live.

15 Will water wheels or turbines be placed on
16 the bridge supports to generate electricity from the
17 water flow? Has anyone thought of that possibility?

18 And, no toll. If cars pay a toll,
19 bicycles, foot traffic, and everybody who rides mass
20 transit across there should pay, too. Make it a
21 true user fee, if you're going to charge a toll; not
22 just a tax on a certain mode of transportation. And
23 that's -- that's all my -- my thoughts on this.

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

25 Robert Marino.