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1 If you have any inkling about what is
2 best for this community and this project,
3 you will go back to the drawing board and
4 come up with another solution that does
5 not involve light rail.

6 If you think it's painful to do that
7 now, just wait to see the repercussions
8 that are in store for you and any other
9 agency in this community should you
10 proceed otherwise.

11 It's ironic that this project is
12 about building a bridge when what is
13 really needed most is a bridge between the
14 CRC Project and the community. Without
15 full community support, this bridge will
16 never get built. Thanks.

17 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, John.
18 And at this point we are going to switch
19 out by adding Frank McBarron, Stephanie
20 Turlay and Marcela -- I can't read that.
21 Is there a Marcela? Okay. All right.
22 Rory.

23 RORY BOWMAN: Thank you. My
24 name is Rory Bowman, P.O. Box 202,
25 Vancouver. I live in 400 block of east

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1 McLoughlin. I am here speaking partially
2 for myself and partially on behalf of some
3 neighbors in that area.

4 For myself, I favor a replacement
5 bridge with light rail. I would prefer
6 the Mill Plain MLS Terminus because I
7 believe that is the most politically
8 palatable option.

9 I am sorry to hear some of my
10 neighbors talking about crime and things
11 like that, which I believe is a code word
12 for something else -- and yeah. So light
13 rail with a Mill Plain terminus.

14 My second preference is -- looking at
15 Page 2-34 is on Exhibit 2.3-20, two way
16 alignment on 16th Street which would go to
17 Clark College, but my first preference
18 would be for the Mill Plain terminus or
19 the Lincoln terminus because I believe
20 they are politically the most palatable
21 and will help people see the value of
22 light rail especially business owners in
23 that area. That doesn't make me very
24 popular.

25 What my neighbors wanted me to talk

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1 about tonight though is the chosen
2 alignment that would affect the McLoughlin
3 between E Street and D Street. This is
4 the most scenic portion of McLoughlin.
5 Specifically, there are six beautiful
6 maples that are about 50 years old and
7 about 18 inches at breast height there.
8 It is the block that is most beautiful in
9 that neighborhood and it is currently set
10 to eliminate all six of those maples,
11 which is pretty much the prettiest spot
12 between Clark College and Main Street.

13 That alignment would put the light
14 rail -- it would dramatically increase my
15 property value as a commercial property;
16 however, since I live there as a
17 residential property, it would put
18 trains -- depending on which 14 feet they
19 take -- either 13 feet from my front door
20 or six feet from my front door, which
21 would impact my quality of life.

22 I think the -- I am willing to take
23 one for the team. Okay. Condemn the whole
24 property if you need to. Light rail needs
25 to come. I would really would rather not

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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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