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COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DRAFT EIS
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1 HAL Dengerink: Okay. Thank you,
2 tom. Susan Hoffman.

3 SUSAN HOFFMAN: Hello. My name is
4 Susan Hoffman. I am a resident of the
5 (inaudible) -- my home is located at 3407
6 I Street and my back alley borders the
7 current I-5.

8 It currently appears based on the
9 information provided in the DEIS that
10 approximately half of my property, which
11 includes the back alley and the area where
12 I am able to park my vehicle is to be
13 eliminated.

14 I have only learned this through
15 talking with friends and viewing the Draft
16 Environmental Impact Statement for myself,
17 which however does list 3405 and 3409, who
18 are both my direct neighbors in the
19 statement. I find it kind of peculiar
20 that given the fact that I am one of the
21 three of us that has attended the most
22 meetings and has listed my address most
23 frequently, that I am not a part of the
24 actual statement.

25 Also, I have not been personally

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1 notified through a home visit by the
2 Columbia River Crossing Task Force of any
3 of the individual impact to my residence
4 as stated through the DEIS.

5 Also, I do not want light rail as
6 part of downtown Vancouver running north
7 up Main Street. I do not want the current
8 atmosphere and the present community which
9 exists in downtown Vancouver to be erased.
10 I do not want to live in a downtown urban
11 setting like Portland. If I did, I would
12 move there.

13 Currently, there is a very vital and
14 thriving community -- commercial activity
15 within the downtown and Main Street
16 corridors, which has been nurtured by many
17 dedicated small business owners. It is
18 not necessary to uproot them and transform
19 the entire landscape by introducing a
20 permanent light rail to our downtown,
21 which would only serve to drive out those
22 small businesses and the many residents
23 with deep permanent ties to the area by
24 increasing criminal activity, transient
25 mobility and moving increased gang

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1 activity from Downtown Portland and
2 surrounding suburbs into our area. We do
3 not need light rail in Vancouver.

4 HAL DINGERINK: Thank you, Susan.
5 Okay. At this point, we are ready to
6 change out with the next three folks.
7 Robert Ross, Carol Panfilio and Leonard
8 Bauhs, B-a-u-h-s. And now, Lisa.

9 LISA GHORMLEY: My name is Lisa
10 Ghormley. I live at 3705 H Street. I
11 also have a business at 207 East
12 McLoughlin, which is slated for removal in
13 the DEIS.

14 Most of the information that I
15 gathered for the section about freight
16 mobility, I got from the DEIS. If light
17 rail is chosen, I feel the cost to the
18 citizens and the surrounding neighborhoods
19 of Vancouver is too high, the cost of our
20 livability.

21 In Alinement Option Number Five,
22 light rail will bisect three of the four
23 major freight corridors listed for the
24 Port of Vancouver -- Mill Plain, Fourth
25 Plain and 39th Street.

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