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STATEMENT OF ANONYMOUS SPEAKER

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I will talk only about the bridge, not of using the approaches and land questions. I'm talking about the bridge by itself. The old bridge has two lanes. The new alternative, as I understand, will be maybe six lanes, and this six lanes will have only, again, two lanes for common traffic. Additional lanes will be HOV. And additionally, it is two shoulders in each direction.

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When you try to estimate what it will bring to a new bridge in accordance with how much traffic this bridge can handle, it seems to me that it will not even cover in 2060 the amount of people which will try to cross the bridge, because mostly today the project is based on increasing movements of buses and HOV lanes. This is in the future, but still I think that it is not a major view to rebuild this bridge.

I think that even in 20 to 30 years this bridge will be again a bottleneck. So it is not designed -- or I'm talking about it is not designed to look forward for 50 to 70 years.

When I look at the amount of, in percentage, roughly how much increase in traffic will be in 2030, it seems to me that when you count the numbers it's approximately 40 percent. But if you have only two lanes, this 40 percent will not be achieved. You have to rely that most people will go on buses. I think that it is, to some extent, it is a wish but not reality.

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I think that to make this bridge reliable you have to

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Comment Summary:
Methodology (Freeway)

Response:

See Section 5.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Comment Summary:
Light Rail Transit

Response:

See Section 2.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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1 not use two shoulders one way and two shoulders in another way
2 which take totally 40 feet, okay, in comparison with 48 feet for
3 two lanes which are really traffic excluding HOV. So somebody
4 from engineering, they have to think about it to make this bridge
5 so that they will not build it again in 20 to 30 years.

6 We are talking mainly in the future to use the public
7 transportation on the bridge, but it is not put on the bridge
8 today, and this question is open to put it in the middle of the
9 bridge and why we have shoulders in the center of the bridge or
10 to put it on the other side. And this question is not clear for
11 many people. It would be nice to clear it up. Maybe public
12 transit or something should be worked out more so that people
13 will understand what is going on.

14 I believe that's all.

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