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NOTE: DVD & Brochure of DMU attached with Weller/Secunda comments.

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1 DICK FLEMING: My name is Dick Fleming and I would
2 like to encourage the new bridge replacement with light rail.

3 That's it.

4 HELEN FLEMING: My name is Helen Fleming and I agree.
5 We both feel very strongly that light rail should be part of
6 this whole situation of the new bridge replacement.

7 Thank you.

8 BILL PATTISON: I just want to say that I am
9 staunchly in favor of a new bridge alignment with light rail
10 because I have seen it here. I have seen it when I lived in
11 Washington, D.C., and New York and how well it works. And I
12 think if they take some of the cost benefits into
13 consideration, it's going to be great.

14 I think that it's timely and that people who are
15 stating against it need to wake up a little bit.

16 Thank you.

17 DAVID CURY: My name is David Cury and I live over in
18 Vancouver, ZIP code 98685. I want to go on record in support
19 of adding some sort of access across the river. I don't have a
20 preference at this time. I'm just in favor of hoping to create
21 a better access in the future.

22 Thank for you my time or thanks for the opportunity
23 to give my time.

24 MICHELLE TWOROGER: Okay. I am just very delusioned
25 and, I guess, partially irritated after reading the DEIS. The

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Light rail has been endorsed by every local Sponsoring Agency (Vancouver City Council, C-TRAN, RTC, Portland City Council, TriMet, and Metro), whose boards are comprised of the elected leadership of the region.

Annual light rail passenger trips crossing the I-5 bridge in 2030 are projected to be 6.1 million, with daily ridership around 18,700. The travel time for the morning commute by light rail between downtown Vancouver and Pioneer Square in downtown Portland will be approximately 34 minutes. Light rail would travel on a dedicated right-of-way, with more reliable travel times than auto drivers dealing with unpredictable road conditions, traffic congestion, and parking challenges.

The CRC project planning for light rail incorporates and supports the principles of the Vancouver's City Center Vision Plan. Downtown Vancouver has seen recent growth in higher density mixed use projects from three to 12 stories in height. In addition, another 4,000 downtown condominiums are proposed or pending as part of new developments. The core of Vancouver has, along with many of the larger corridors such as Fourth Plain Blvd, medium to high density residential development and an urban mix of uses. Transit demand in these areas is quite high, and ridership will increase with the introduction of light rail.

Long-term operation and maintenance of the new light rail line will be funded through C-TRAN and TriMet. For its share of the operations and maintenance funding, C-TRAN plans on having a public vote.

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I, Michael R. King, a Certified Shorthand Reporter for Oregon, hereby certify that at the time and place set forth in the caption hereof, I reported in stenotypy all Spoken Comments adduced and other oral proceedings had in the foregoing matter; that thereafter my notes were reduced to typewriting under my direction; and the foregoing transcript, pages 3 to 16, both inclusive, constitutes a full, true and correct record of such testimony adduced and oral proceedings had and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand at Corbett, Oregon, this 30th day of May 2008.

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