

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Docket No. TR-100127  
Witness: Dan Livingston

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION,

Petitioner,

CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; and  
CITY OF LAKEWOOD,

Respondents.

Docket No. TR-100127, TR-100128, and TR -  
100129 (*Consolidated*)

**WRITTEN DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

**Dan Livingston**

**Director, Tillicum Youth and Family Center  
Lakewood, Washington**

**May 6, 2010**

1 DAN LIVINGSTON, Tillicum Youth and Family Center Director, testifies as follows:

2 I submit this testimony in opposition to the petitions of the Washington State  
3 Department of Transportation in the above-referenced dockets.

4 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

5 **A.** My name is Dan Livingston, and my business address is 14511 W. Thorne Lane SW,  
6 Lakewood, WA, 98498. My business email address is [dan@tacomayfc.org](mailto:dan@tacomayfc.org).

7 **Q. Who is your employer?**

8 **A.** Youth for Christ.

9 **Q. Describe your position with the Youth for Christ including your duties and**  
10 **responsibilities.**

11 **A.** I am responsible for the day to day functions of the Youth & Family Center. We  
12 average 35 kids a day; about 600 a month. We are a USDA Snack Site, the only one in the  
13 Tillicum/Woodbrook area.

14 **Q. Describe the demographics of the neighborhood.**

15 **A.** There is a very high percentage of unsupervised children, ranging from toddlers to high  
16 school. This area is in a cycle of poverty with depressed property values and struggling  
17 businesses.

18 **Q. Describe the Tillicum/Woodbrook neighborhood in terms of access and amenities.**

19 **A.** There is one way in and one way out and it's over the railroad tracks. Congestion is  
20 already bad at some times of the day. This neighborhood has convenience stores but no  
21 supermarket, a free clinic but no hospital. We do have a fire station and schools.

22 **Q. Are you familiar with the Amtrak "Point Defiance Bypass" project?**

1 A. Yes.

2 **Q. When did you become aware of the Amtrak "Point Defiance Bypass" project?**

3 A. Pretty close to the beginning – probably about a year ago. I had heard about it before  
4 that but in terms of that it was really going to happen, about a year ago.  
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6 **Q. Describe community outreach done by WSDOT in your community.**

7 A. I think that this has been discussed at neighborhood association meetings; I don't know  
8 that WSDOT has been there. I have never received any contact from WSDOT about the  
9 project.  
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11 **Q. Given your knowledge of the children served by your center and the general  
12 Tillicum/Woodbrook community, what are your concerns with an at-grade crossing at  
13 North Thorne Lane?**

14 A. The train traffic that results from this project will hurt property values and businesses  
15 with parking lots in the railroad right of way. The noise will be a problem. It will add to the  
16 congestion issues at North Thorne Lane, which is our only way in and out.  
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18 More importantly, I am very concerned about the lack of attention to the kids who use  
19 the tracks as a way to get from Tillicum/Woodbrook to the rest of Lakewood. Their choices are  
20 to walk along I-5 or walk on the railroad tracks. They treat the tracks like a road. I am very  
21 concerned that a child will be hurt or killed because no alternative has even been considered.  
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23 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

24 A. Yes it does.  
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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
2 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3 DATED this 6 day of May, 2010 at Lakewood, Washington.  
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7 DAN LIVINGSTON, Director  
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