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STATEMENT OF:

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1 DR. ALBRECHT: My name is Ken
2 Albrecht. My main concern, I'll just say --
3 my main concern is the current congestion on
4 West Bartlett Road, either way. And I have to
5 believe that that would be at the level of
6 almost humanly intolerable if they were really
7 going to increase the train load by five times
8 by what it is currently there.

9 I can't imagine that people would
10 possibly put up with it. So that's one thing.
11 The other thing, it seems ironic that they are
12 building a fire station right next to the
13 railroad tracks and everybody is going to feel
14 real great when there's a fire emergency on
15 the other side and they simply can't get there
16 because there's another train going through
17 again.

18 And I guess the other thing I would
19 mention, if an overpass could be done, I guess
20 one would have to realize that would probably
21 be a great compromise because it would already
22 relieve the current congestion. At the same
23 time, I don't know what the unseen
24 complications would bring in terms of getting

1 the overpass in.

2 I understand from talking to the
3 people here that that would create a major
4 traffic jam for quite some time to get that
5 overpass built, although he did say there were
6 probably some alternatives, temporary roads
7 that could go around, alternative routes or
8 whatever.

9 But in essence, I am not real excited.
10 Bottom line is I'm not really excited about
11 more trains coming through. I even wondered
12 about the idea that if the project doesn't
13 fly, whether or not one could even justify the
14 train tracks even being where they are, you
15 know, the benefit ratio of what currently is
16 even existing to be worthwhile based on the
17 environmental impact that's what's already
18 created by what currently exists.

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