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Steve-

To quote Shakespeare, "Methinks thou dost protest too much."

Although you have created an artful smoke screen with your response, let me remind you of the Oregonian story of January 12, 2006 by Ryan Frank regarding the Tram. It includes a quote by the OHSU consultant, Gordon Davis, who admits he knew the costs of constructing the TRAM would be higher than what was represented to the council. The story reads:

"Davis grew nervous as the guesstimate looked more like a guarantee.

"Someone grabbed onto that figure like the word of God," Davis says. "But there wasn't a whole lot that went into that number that was precise."

He called Stadum, a **tram** board member and a lead negotiator on the deal, to clear up the math. Davis says he left a voice mail at Stadum's office warning that the budget was probably \$5 million to \$8 million low. Stadum, for his part, says he doesn't remember the message" (*Oregonian*, 01.12.06).

Mr. Davis claims in the story that he left you a message to the effect that the numbers on the TRAM were wrong. Your defense is that you don't "remember the message".

You have been intimately involved in the planning and negotiations that led up to the council voting to approve the TRAM. However, your only real defense is that you do not remember being told that the council was voting on a number to construct the TRAM that was woefully understated.

Sorry, Steve. That is just not credible.

Sincerely,

Randy Leonard  
Portland City Commissioner

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