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15:12:44 From Mary Paterson, Solutionary Rail & Climate Rail Alliance to Everyone:  
While we are waiting, may I share with participants these WA Rail Can't Wait priorities? <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KYhtXNOoojodsUuLpB6ZYDfTHq7EvYzz6N5TzPAEimk/edit>

15:13:11 From Doug Allen to Everyone:  
Ask all participants to mute, to eliminate echo.

15:15:00 From Arvia Morris to Everyone:  
Echo

15:17:46 From Nancy N to Everyone:  
I will be back in a moment ...

15:18:17 From Dan Bilka, All Aboard Northwest to Charles Hamilton,  
All Aboard WA(Direct Message):  
Can you make me co-host to help mute people?

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