

Amber Mathiesen - Bridge - Resolution 2016-35

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Salem City Council:

The time has arrived for the citizens of Marion and Polk Counties to get a regional push for additional vehicle capacity over the Willamette River. In 1996 I moved my family back to Salem and a city counselor said *"Even if we had all the money we needed for another bridge, it would be another ten years before the first bus, car, truck or bike will cross it"*...that was 20 years ago and progress has stalled.

ODOT's annual budget is over \$5 Billion. If the regions elected officials work together, the Salem region should be able to get a piece of the \$5 Billion budget so we can build a bridge that will be used by our children and our grandchildren. If the Salem region continues to be passive, Multnomah and Washington County will gladly continue to take the majority of ODOT funds.

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