

Bryan Colbourne - Fwd: "Preferred Alternative" Bridge

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Dear City of Salem Council members,

I would like to express my opinion on the "Preferred Alternative" bridge. While at the time of conception a decade ago, the third bridge may have made sense, that's no longer the case. Over the last decade a more clear understanding of environmental impact of automobiles to the environment, the futility of building more roads that quickly become congested and developing technology that offer positive alternatives for transportation demands that we rethink building a bridge .

There are endless examples of cities that have built roads only to have them become clogged with traffic.

There are endless examples of how pollution is putting the worlds climate on a path with consequences we leave for our children to deal with.

Portland has been progressively dealing with mass transit for years. Its time for City Council to step back and rethink whats being proposed. The main issue is congestion during peak commuting times. With Hundreds of millions of dollars at stake, to invest in an infrastructure that will be absolute before its built really does not make sense. With new technology being developed like inductive charging and greater battery capacity possibly electric buses might be an alternative. Even with conventional buses, If we were to concentrate the buses in West Salem during peak hours the problem would be resolved.

I understand there a substantial financial interests in this project but we have come to a point in our history where economic value has to be placed on our future. We have to invest in sustainability now. I appreciate the council allowing me to express my opinion.

Sincerely, Jeff Harmon