

Bryan Colbourne - Testimony on Land Use Actions, Case Number CA16-04

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Hello

I understand you are still accepting written testimony on the change in the Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate another bridge in Salem. I am writing to confirm I am in full support of the change and adding another bridge in Salem to accommodate the excessive traffic we have now. I have lived in West Salem since 1999 and have seen the traffic grow every year. When I first moved to the west side, you could expect traffic during the morning and evening commute. That is no longer the case, traffic on Wallace Road is backed up both ways throughout the day. Salem doesn't have the best way of moving west to east. I anticipate that the Mission Street back up in the afternoon will also be relieved by giving people another way to get to I-5 and Hwy 22. I would support a toll and property tax increase to fund the bridge. The only concern I have is the removal of the Rosemont Exit. To me, this is a show stopper. All of the traffic that is currently using that exit will be forced to use the Wallace Road exit and that won't solve the problems we have now. ODOT and the City must find a way to either preserve the Rosemont Exit or move it to Eola street. To conclude, Salem has desperately needed another bridge for a long time now, and I hope that it can be built soon.

Best regards,

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