

Ladies and gentlemen;

Please be informed of my opposition to this Bridge bill as we in Yamhill County (Newberg) really do not get much from it in way of advantages. I believe that the Salem Congestion problem at rush hour is not anywhere near what the mess is on 217 which I believe has more of our citizens than your area in commuting. Look at how many miles of back up we have up there on 217 ;backed up from highway 29 (St. Vincent's hospital) to the I -5 connection some 2 miles south of Tigard!

Now that is a rush hour congestion problem!

I have not been over in Salem at the rush hour you speak of , but I think that there is not much of a comparison. So where would transportation money be better spent? Maybe in other areas that have more problems than this spot? And bridges increase costs by how many times just because of the complications in construction in water?

I have had an idea for saving lives over here for a while and the cost is a sign and a curb. But I am told that the study will costs big bucks to prove its worth and it cannot come from me since I am not an Engineer.

Maybe some companies need to consider staggered shifts or a few minutes change in start / stop times at least to help with their employee's stuck in traffic? Some little ideas might go a long way?

I realize that in the future with the rate at which Oregon is asking for and acquiring new residents to move here, that this will have to happen unless other measures are sought out.

Thank You

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